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Kuwait plans mega petro-chemplex

KUWAIT, Aug. 8, (KUNA): Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa today revealed plans for a giant petrochemical complex in Kuwait, depending on which a number of small conversion industries will be established by the private sector.

In press statements, published here today by Al Rai Al Aam newspaper, the minister said that Kuwait has reduced its daily oil production by an average of 400 to 450 thousand barrels to reach the level of 1.35 million barrels per day, that it pledged not to surpass.

Sheikh Ali expected that oil prices would remain at their present level, averaging between \$15 and \$18 per barrel until the end of this year.

He indicated that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) would allow market factors to determine the price of oil within reasonable limits after it had given up the system of the benchmark price.

Asked on Kuwait's recent sale of C.F. Brown, an affiliate of the state-owned Santa Fe, the minister said the engineering company, mainly specialized in designing of refineries and petrochemical complexes, had fixed assets not exceeding three or four million dollars and employs a great number of experts and engineers.

"Representing a fraction of Santa Fe assets," he explained, "the company (C.F. Brown) takes much time and effort from the management, which can be channelled towards better and more rewarding fields."

The oil minister said though Santa Fe had faced difficulties over the past years as a result of decline in crude prices and shrinking oil exploration and drilling activities world-wide, the recent recovery of oil prices and activated exploration operations had reflected positively.

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Saddam wants pact with Iran

Comprehensive peace sought

BAGHDAD, Aug. 8, (Agencies): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein today called on Iran to sign a formal peace agreement a year after a UN brokered ceasefire stilled the guns in their eight-year Gulf war.

"The ceasefire alone is not the sole fortress for peace," he said in a nation-wide radio and television broadcast to mark the announcement by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar of the ceasefire agreement on Aug. 8, 1988.

"Only a comprehensive, complete and clear peace agreement, comprising all legitimate rights and duties (of both states) is what we strive to achieve," he added.

The speech, read on Saddam's behalf, said: "Our desire for peace was confirmed through all our intentions over the past nine years, but Iran's rulers, in their deeds and probably intentions as well, (are) far away from peace."

Despite several rounds of talks since the ceasefire came into effect on Aug. 20, 1988, there has been no progress on a lasting peace settlement of the war in which Western analysts say up to a million people were killed.

Talks deadlocked when Iraq demanded that the Shatt Al Arab waterway dividing the two countries in the south be cleared of war debris to make it navigable for shipping, and Iran insisted that Iraq withdraw its forces from all Iranian land.

Iraq had only formally accepted UN Security Council Resolution 598 which ordered an immediate ceasefire in the Gulf war, Saddam said.

He said the Iranian letter of agreement "did not point to the acceptance of peaceful relations between Iraq and the Arab nation on one side and Iran on the other."

Arafat takes Fatah chair

Clause call to arms

TUNIS, Aug. 8, (Agencies): The first Congress of the Al Fatah Palestinian nationalist movement held in nine years elected PLO leader Yasser Arafat as president of an enlarged central committee today and approved the bulk of his moderate policies in its final resolution.

The declaration was passed in the closing stages of the six-day congress in Tunis attended by 1,000 delegates from Fatah branches in 100 countries. It also issued a series of demands to the United States "so that the American-Palestinian dialogue may lead to positive results."

The congress resolution called on the Palestinian people to self-determination and to the establishment of their own independent state, "the abandoning of the policy of alignment with Israel and of the unlimited support" given by the United States to the Jewish state.

It urged the Bush administration to approve the convening of an international peace conference and "to annul all laws and regulations hostile to the PLO."

The resolution firmly endorsed the Arafat strategy adopted in November at Algiers by the

Palestine National Council, the PLO parliament-in-exile — recognising implicitly Israel's right to exist alongside a postage-stamp size Palestinian state to be established in the West Bank and Gaza Strip once Israel withdraws from the Arab territories.

One concession to radical hardliners in the resolution was a clause in which the congress recommended "the pursuit and intensification of military action and all forms of struggle to put an end to the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories."

Arafat has said military action would be confined to the occupied territories.

■ Arafat plans to attend next month's United Nations General Assembly session in New York, according to the Washington Times today.

The Times quoted PLO officials in Tunis as saying that Arafat would soon apply for a US visa.

■ The Jordanian government has agreed to allow the headquarters of the Palestine National Fund (PNF), the PLO's financial arm, to reopen in Amman after a three-year ban, its chairman said today.

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Agony of a family

Francisco Arango, an Indian, who was hanged on Monday for killing a bus driver and conductor in a dispute over 150 fils, was buried by his family yesterday at the Sulaibikhat cemetery after an emotional funeral mass.

Arango's family members weiled and broke into tears during the mass (above).

Arango, 37, while on bus in February, 1988, paid for two fares but felt he had been cheated over his change. He argued with the ticket collector who punched Arango in the nose.



After he and his friend got off, Arango went back to the bus stop by himself and waited for the bus to return.

He knifed the ticket collector and then stabbed the bus driver when he tried to intervene.

Arango was hanged in the Central Prison and the Interior Ministry allowed his family to give him a Christian burial. (Photos by Javed Basra)

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No pact: Sofia Turks may go to UN

SOFIA, Aug. 8, (Reuters): Bulgaria has rejected Turkey's demand for written guarantees over the fate of a quarter of a million ethnic Turks who have fled its borders in the past two months.

"We are not ready to sign any pact, but we do not need an immigration pact," said Ivan Ganev, a Deputy Foreign Minister and Bulgaria's main spokesman on the ethnic Turkish crisis, which has strained relations between the two Balkan neighbours.

He sought to reassure emigrants that property left behind would not be confiscated, that pensioners returning within six months would not lose their pension rights, and that Bulgarian passports, once issued, remained valid for five years.

But, he pointed out: "If they overstay their three-month visa, the maximum penalty is a 500 leva (\$250) fine."

Bulgaria denies Turkey's accusations that it is repressing an ethnic minority, saying the ethnic Turks — whom it refers to as Bulgarian Muslims — are really Bulgarians who were forced to change their names under Ottoman rule.

Turkey said today it was preparing to take its row with Bulgaria to the UN Security Council.

"We are making careful preliminary contacts with council members in order not to risk a negative vote," Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz told the semi-official Anatolian news agency.

State-run radio said more than a quarter of a million ethnic Turks had fled to Turkey from Bulgaria since May. The refugees say they are escaping a forced assimilation campaign.

A separate Foreign Ministry statement described the exodus as the largest forced population movement in Europe since World War Two.

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Free Obeid: envoy US rejects 'assets' chip

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8, (Agencies): UN envoy Marrack Goulding appealed today for Israel to immediately free the Lebanese Shiite cleric abducted last month, but Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin rejected a release except as part of a prisoner exchange.

The United States said that it would not release frozen Iranian assets to win freedom for hostages.

In a separate news conference following an hour-long meeting in Rabin's office, Rabin and Goulding sharply disagreed over the wisdom of the abduction of Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid from his south Lebanon home on July 28.



A Jordanian soldier, who infiltrated into Israel, was killed by Israeli soldiers. (Reuters wirephoto)

"I have to say that the kidnapping of Sheikh Obeid does not help," Goulding told reporters, who reiterated UN Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar's earlier pleas that Israel free the cleric.

Rabin said that Obeid would be held until Israel was able to swap him for 17 foreign hostages and three Israeli soldiers captured in Lebanon in 1986.

"We believe that after three and a half years ... of trying to bring about an exchange that failed, we had to have assets that will convince them (Shiites) to bring about an exchange and hopefully end the phenomenon of keeping hostage Israelis and non-Israelis," Rabin countered.

Rabin said Israel has received no response through the International Committee of the Red Cross to its offer to swap Obeid for the missing Israeli soldiers and foreign hostages in Lebanon.

He added: "I will not relate myself to whatever comes on the media in the name of fake names of Shiite organisations in Lebanon."

Israel's swap offer has been rejected in statements issued in Lebanon in the name of Hezbollah, militia and various factions of the group.

Goulding is on the final leg of a week-long tour of the region, which also took him to Syria and Lebanon for talks with political and militia leaders. He was sent to try to determine the fate of US Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins.

The FBI said yesterday it believes the body shown in the tape was Higgins but that there can be no positive identification, without physical evidence. It offered no information about the time or cause of death.

Rabin told Goulding that Israel believed Higgins died last year as a result of mistreatment, according to sources who demanded anonymity.

Goulding said that in his talks

Honda will sell cars in Israel

By Jadranka Porter Arab Times staff

JAPAN'S Honda motor company announced plans Monday to sell cars in Israel, a move that could get it blacklisted in the Arab world.

But the Arab Boycott of Israel office and business sources in Kuwait expressed doubt the firm will be banned in the Arab world.

Car exports to Israel will not automatically bar Honda from the Arab countries, a spokesman for the Israeli Boycott office in Kuwait said. He quoted examples of other car manufacturers such as Mercedes Benz from West Germany, Peugeot from France and Japan's Mitsubishi which have been selling to Israel while also exporting to the Arab countries.

Honda's US subsidiary announced Monday that it would start selling cars manufactured at its Marysville, Ohio, plant in Israel next year.

The Honda spokesman in the US said he did not know what the volume of sales might be. "It is up to the market conditions and the Marysville production capa-

Jordanian goes berserk Kibbutz woman shot

KIBBUTZ LOTAN, Israel, Aug. 8, (AP): A lone Jordanian soldier who infiltrated into southern Israel shot and wounded an American woman and held an off-duty woman soldier hostage for nearly four hours today before being killed by an Israeli sniper.

The attacker was felled by a single shot fired into a tool shed where he held the hostage in a date grove near this collective farm, 20 kilometres (12 miles) north of the Red Sea resort of Eilat and several kilometres from the Jordan-Israel border.

"A sniper very cleanly picked him off," said Wendy Maayan, the Kibbutz secretary who immigrated from Minneapolis, Minn.

She said the soldier fired one shot as other troops shouted and the attacker came into view through a door of the corrugated steel shed.

The wounded woman, a US volunteer worker at the Kibbutz, was identified as Lauren Rosen of Englewood, New Jersey. Officials at Eilat's Yosef Tal hospital said that in his talks

'Shot' treatment to save

WESTLAND, Michigan, Aug. 8, (AP): A man shot his obese daughter to put an end to high medical bills for her treatment but brought her to a hospital two hours later when she didn't die, police said.

Anna Kwiatkowski, 34, was in serious condition today at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan, said hospital spokeswoman Susan Lathers.

The victim's father, Valentine, 78, and her sister, Carol, 43, were arraigned on attempted murder charges. Bail was set at \$50,000.

The victim, who weighed 360 pounds (163 kilograms), and suffered from asthma, was shot twice in the head, Lt. John Reddy said.

Police from Westland, a suburb of Detroit, Michigan, were called to the hospital Sunday and told that the father and daughter had brought in the wounded woman.

Iran 'turned' US spy nest before bust

NEW YORK, Aug. 8, (Reuters): Iran earlier this year broke up a network of spies providing the US Central Intelligence Agency with details and documents about Iranian military planning, the New York Times said today.

Quoting government officials in Washington, it said Iran had learned of the network several months beforehand and had supplied false information through it.

The Times said Iran began to hint in April that it had discovered "several dens of espionage."

No US officials were available to comment on the report.

The newspaper said the incident contradicted a US belief that members of the Iranian military would be relatively easy to recruit as agents.

The CIA lost many of its best operatives in the Middle East when a truck bomb exploded at the US embassy in Beirut on April 18, 1983, killing CIA officers assembled there for a regional conference, the New York Times said.

Israel polls hate brigade

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 8, (Reuters): Forty per cent of Israeli teenagers hate all or most Arabs, a broad poll commissioned by the Ministry of Education found.

The report published yesterday said hatred of Arabs had increased slightly since a similar survey taken five years ago — before the start of an uprising against Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The poll of 5,400 high school students examined attitudes towards compulsory military service in which men serve three years and women serve two years.

The researchers called that a sign that pro-Army youths were confident and did not feel threatened by those with opposite views.



Kurds seek refuge

A Kurdish woman breast-feeds her baby at a refugee camp near Clermont Ferrand, France, where 335 Kurds arrived last week from Turkey. They are seeking refuge in France. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mitra raps OIC stand

MANILA, Aug. 8, (Reuters): The Speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives accused the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) today of interfering in domestic affairs by condemning a government move to grant semi-autonomy to its Muslim minority.

Ramon Mitra was reacting to a statement issued in Jeddah on Sunday in which the 16-nation OIC attacked President Corazon Aquino for signing "an organic act for the autonomous region in Muslim Mindanao."

Manila says the act could lead to semi-autonomy in 13 southern provinces.

The OIC and Philippine Muslim separatist groups have criticised the plan.

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Final Beirut battle near

BEIRUT, Aug. 8, (AP): Occasional sniper fire crackled across Beirut's dividing Green Line today amid reports that Christian Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun and his Syrian foes were preparing for fierce battles.

People streamed out of the bomb-ravaged city during the lull in the five-month confrontation to avoid what Nabil Masri, a Muslim bank employee, called "the worst, which is yet to come."

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DAY BY DAY

THERE are many individuals lingering in jail only because they are unable to pay their debts.

Why can't we study the individual cases of such persons in order to get their release from jails — particularly when we know that the only reason for their incarceration is due to failed business or due to bankruptcy?

I wonder why the charity and zakat societies do not interfere in these instances. Why do these societies not study the cases of such prisoners who really need assistance? According to Islam, payment of debts on behalf of such persons falls within the basic tenets of zakat — agreed under certain given conditions. Such needy persons require to be saved by these charitable societies which collect the zakat funds.

Zahed Matar

INTERNATIONAL

Drug kingpins want martial law: Nusrat

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Nusrat Bhutto, mother of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and a senior cabinet minister, said today Pakistan's drug kingpins wanted to topple her daughter's civilian government and reimpose martial law.

The Prime Minister today cancelled a speech at an engineers' convention in Islamabad to convene an important meeting "concerning the security of our country and democracy," Nusrat Bhutto told reporters.

No details of the meeting were immediately available and it was not clear if it was related to the narcotics issue.

Nusrat Bhutto also said her daughter would cancel planned trips to six South Asian countries this year for "unavoidable reasons." President Ghulam Ishaq Khan would go instead.

Appointed Bhutto's deputy in March with the

title of "senior minister," Nusrat Bhutto said the drug "mafia" was spending large sums of money to create unrest in Pakistan.

"They want turmoil in (the southern province of) Sindh and the rest of the country so that the Army could come back and they could use the back door to enter corridors of power," she said. But she vowed the Army was "not going to come in."

Bhutto's eight-month-old civilian government

has launched a drive against "the big fish" drug traffickers and has arrested several people in connection with international drug rackets.

Benazir Bhutto became the first woman Prime Minister of a Muslim nation last December after her Pakistan People's Party won party-based elections and ended 11 years of military rule.

She is the current chairwoman of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC).

Colombo offers new time limit

India plans a phased withdrawal

COLOMBO, Aug. 8. (Agencies): The government said today it wanted India to withdraw its peacekeeping troops from Sri Lanka by September, a new time range offered by Colombo during talks last week in New Delhi.

But Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said India offered a phased withdrawal plan that will extend the pullout process to February.



Premadasa

not meet their aspirations for a homeland.

Wijeratne today briefed Parliament on the week-long talks he had with Indian leaders in New Delhi.

On Indian troops halting military operations in the North and East, Wijeratne said the Indians wanted the Tamil Tigers to first unilaterally suspend military offensives for a 15-day period.

But he said the Sri Lankan position on cessation of Indian military operations was that it be "immediate and unqualified."

India has linked the troop withdrawal with the devolution of powers to the Northeastern Council, formed under the July 29, 1987 peace accord, which gave Tamils limited autonomy in exchange for an arms surrender.

"Our position is the implementation of the

agreement was not connected with the Indian troop withdrawal," Wijeratne said.

Wijeratne's statement will be debated in Parliament and Premadasa is expected to chair a meeting of his cabinet on Friday to announce Sri Lankan position on the issues. There will be no voting.

Sinhalese extremists claiming Indian troops have compromised the country's independence, have launched a violent campaign against the government. At least 4,000 people, mainly government officials and supporters, have been killed in the two-year uprising. The Tamil insurgency has claimed another 11,000 lives.

Tamils form 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people, and Sinhalese make up 75 per cent. Tamils accuse the Sinhalese of discriminating against them in jobs, education and use of the Sinhalese language.

The US State Department today expanded its notice to US travellers in Sri Lanka to include the entire country, warning that there is widespread potential for violence.

The State Department expanded upon an earlier travel advisory that warned of violence in portions of the country.

"It's gotten more widespread. There's no area of the country we would indicate people should go without taking appropriate precautions," a department spokesman said.

The travel advisory urged Americans travelling in Sri Lanka to register with the US embassy in Colombo upon arriving in the nation.



A chartered plane carrying Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas to an Ethiopian refugee camp was missing yesterday. Leland (left) is pictured during a visit to such a camp in 1984. (Reuters wirephoto)

Search on for missing fourteen

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 8. (AP): Light planes crisscrossed southwestern Ethiopia today, searching in poor visibility for a US congressman and 13 other people missing on a flight to a refugee camp.

Congressman Mickey Leland, eight other Americans and five Ethiopians were reported missing yesterday after their twin-engine plane failed to arrive at the Fugido refugee camp near the Ethiopian-Sudanese border.

Robert Houdek, Charge d'Affaires at the US embassy in Addis Ababa, said searchers were encouraged by reports that a small plane had been sighted yesterday circling a field at Dembidola, about 120 kilometres (75 miles) from the refugee camp.

"If it was our plane, what we find encouraging is that it would have traversed a lot of the more treacherous terrain to Fugido," Houdek said. Houdek said Dembidola was in an inaccessible region far from any communications points. He also said it contained several dirt landings strips cleared by the government for a food airlift during a 1984-85 famine.

Search planes were hampered by heavy clouds and very poor visibility. The same weather conditions in which Leland's Twin Otter aircraft took off from Addis Ababa yesterday. The plane was last heard from about 15 minutes later.

John Guerra, an embassy political officer, said Leland's departure had been delayed for two hours by bad weather and suggested the pilot may have been forced to divert to a remote field or landing strip on route to their destination, southwest of the capital.

The Twin Otter, a plane commonly used for bush flying in Africa, carried eight members of Leland's staff, embassy personnel and US Agency for International Development staff. The five Ethiopians aboard included three government officials, the pilot and co-pilot.

The search was being conducted by half a dozen light planes under the direction of Ethiopia's Civil Aviation Authority. A C-130 Hercules cargo plane was also standing by.

The Fugido camp is run by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and is one of four in the region that house more than 300,000 refugees who have fled civil war in neighbouring Sudan.

After visiting Fugido, Leland had been scheduled to meet with government officials and visit Gondar, the home of about 10,000 Falasha Jews in northwestern Ethiopia.

Israel and the United States, in covert Operation Moses, airlifted about 10,000 famine-stricken Falasha Jews from Ethiopia and transit camps in Sudan to Israel in 1984 and 1985.

Ten feared dead in crash

WELLINGTON, Aug. 8. (AP): Ten people were feared dead after a sightseeing plane crashed today in snow-covered mountain terrain on New Zealand's South Island, police said.

"It's thought that all those on board perished," Wellington search and rescue co-ordinator Bob Randal told the New Zealand Press Association.

He and police said they believed four Americans, five Canadians and a New Zealander piloting the craft were aboard.

The twin-engine Britten Norman Islander used by Aspiring Air of Wanaka crashed between Milford Sound and Wanaka on the South Island near Mt. Aspiring, police said. Police did not release the names of the passengers.

Officers killed: A man caught riding a tramway without a ticket Tuesday stabbed to death two policemen and seriously injured three others before he was shot dead, police said.

A police spokesman identified the man only as "a black African." The spokesman said the man was caught travelling without a ticket on a tramway Tuesday morning and punched the tramway inspector before running away.

A few hours later police found the man standing on a bridge, reading a newspaper. The spokesman said the man pulled out a 35-centimetre-long knife as five police officers tried to arrest him. Two of whom died of their injuries. One of the two policemen managed to pull out his revolver and shot the man shortly before the policeman collapsed.

The spokesman said the three other policemen were in critical condition. (UPI)

Blast kills 18: A Soviet worker who lit a match in a basement where he was investigating a gas leak ignited an explosion that killed 18 people in the Soviet Ukraine, Pravda reported Tuesday.

The explosion Monday ripped through a five-story apartment house in the Ukrainian city of Mogilev-Podolsky, bringing down part of the building and destroying 20 apartments, the Communist Party daily said. Gas had accumulated from a leak in the building's basement, Pravda said.

Two maintenance workers were dispatched to investigate, and one identified as V. Marushchak, "lit a match, and the explosion followed."

Marushchak was killed, but his companion survived, along with five other tenants, Pravda said. (AP)

Helst probed: A French state prosecutor opened an investigation Monday into the theft of \$1.5 million worth of jewels and cash from the villa of millionaire French businessman Robert Mimiran while he was entertaining a dozen guests at the luxury vacation home.

Prosecutors at the Draguignan Prosecutor's Office said they were baffled by the heist that took place Friday night at the sprawling "Le Lezarde" property near the ritzy resort of Saint-Tropez.

Mimiran told police he and a dozen guests he was entertaining heard nothing during the burglary that ended the thief or thieves 10 million francs (\$1.5 million) in cash and jewellery from the villa. The Draguignan prosecutor opened the probe of the case formally Monday. (UPI)

Guitarist charged: Adam Clayton of the Irish rock group U2 has been charged with possession of marijuana.

The 29-year-old bass guitarist, dressed all in black, appeared briefly in Dublin's District Court on Monday but under Irish law was not required to enter a plea.

Clayton was arrested near his Dublin home Sunday night and charged with possessing marijuana and with having the drug with the intent to supply someone else, police told the court.

Judge Desmond Windle ordered Clayton to post bail of approximately \$710 and to return to court on Sept. 1.

If convicted of possession of marijuana, Clayton faces a maximum fine of approximately \$1,420. (AP)

Dean hits: Hurricane Dean picked up speed late Monday as it headed north toward eastern Canada, a day after sideswiping Bermuda with 113-mph (181 kph) winds, torrential rains and pounding surf.

A hurricane warning was issued for Sable Island, Nova Scotia, and a high-wind warning for St. Johns and the Avalon Peninsula. Tropical storm warnings were issued for the coastal areas of southern and eastern Newfoundland, said Gilbert Clark of the National Hurricane Centre in Coral Gables.

Bermuda's southern and western shores were hardest hit Sunday when Dean's eye passed 20 miles west of the 21-square-mile (55 sq km) island, damaging buildings and washing away beaches. There were no reported serious injuries. (UPI)

Save me! Liberia's former defence minister, accused of ordering a black magic murder to topple President Samuel Doe, appealed to the leader on Monday to save him from a firing squad.

Major-General Gray Allison told a court martial in the capital, Monrovia: "I ask President Doe to save our lives, my wife and I. The people have led to him on us."

Allison, once the second most powerful figure in this West African state, is charged with ordering the gruesome ritual murder of a policeman to get human blood for a witchcraft rite that would help him overthrow Doe.

His wife, Angeline Watta Allison, and nine others are charged as accomplices. They will be tried later in a civilian court. (Reuters)

Dutchman indicted: Authorities indicted a Dutchman Monday on charges of accidentally killing a sunbathing Frenchwoman while driving his speedboat at high velocity along the Chicote D'Aznar.

Nikolas Sandeman, 43, a real estate manager from Amsterdam, was arrested Sunday after his 600-horsepower boat ploughed into a 16 ft (5m) boat, fatally wounding Arlette Fonta, also 43, who was one of four passengers sunbathing on the small craft off the coast of Saint-Tropez.

Judge Jean-Jacques Baudino charged Sandeman with manslaughter of Fonta, a native of Marseille. The judge ordered an autopsy carried out on Fonta, who died from her injuries an hour after the incident. (UPI)

Swimmers a danger: At the height of the channel swimming season, Coast Guards say swimmers are a danger in the estuary and ships should sail over them rather than change course if this means risking collision with other vessels.

"If avoiding a swimmer hazards the ship, crew, passengers and cargo ... there is only one thing a captain can do and that's go over him," the senior Coast Guard watch officer at Dover, Peter Legg, was quoted as saying in an interview in The Times of London.

"We devote ourselves to saving lives so it is difficult for us to say this. But while we might lose one life we could save many more," Legg was further quoted Tuesday. "Frankly, we don't want them (channel swimmers)." (AP)

Body awaits release: Police in Gibraltar said Monday they expected to soon release the body of a US vacationer who died while being rushed to this British colony after a diving accident last week off the northern coast of Morocco.

A US Navy officer attached to NATO in Gibraltar confirmed the death. He identified the victim only as a 38-year-old Philadelphia native who had been vacationing with a diving club from the Washington DC area.

The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said a second man injured in the accident, Robert Fullerton of Maryland, was released Friday from the colony's Royal Naval Hospital after being treated for decompression sickness. (AP)

Funding approved: A Utah panel on Monday released \$4.5 million for research on room-temperature fusion at the University of Utah, with the committee's only scientist withholding approval.

The university will use the money to set up an institute to conduct research into cold fusion and seek aid from the federal government, whose very existence has been called into question by many scientists.

The Fusion Energy Advisory Council held the purse strings to \$5 million appropriated the state legislature in April for fusion research. About \$500,000 of the money had previously been released for patent attorney's fees.

Search resumes: Italian rescuers on Tuesday resumed their search for 14 Tunisian fishermen missing off the coast of Sicily, port officials said.

The search for the fishing boat Raschid was called off earlier on Tuesday after officials said they had lost hope of finding the crew alive. It was resumed and intensified in response to a Tunisian appeal.

The Raschid sent a distress call at dawn on Monday saying it had taken water in heavy seas off the Italian island of Lampedusa south of Sicily and the crew were about to abandon ship. (Reuters)

'I woke up and I was moving'

Earthquake shakes Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8. (AP): A sharp earthquake joined the San Francisco Bay area for 10 seconds early today, shaking buildings, breaking windows and rattling objects off shelves.

There were no immediate reports of serious damage or injuries.

The quake occurred at 1:13 am (0815 GMT) and had a magnitude of 5.1 on the Richter Scale, according to the US Geological Survey in nearby Menlo Park.

An aftershock measuring 4.2 ripped through the area 31 minutes later.

The quake was centred on the San Andreas Fault about 13 miles (21 kilometres) south of San Jose. It was felt throughout a wide area, as far away as Santa Cruz, 75 miles (120 kilometres) south of San Francisco.

The epicentre was in almost exactly the same place as a 5.0 magnitude quake on June 27, 1988, said USGS geophysicist Dave Oppenheimer.

"There was some damage in the Santa Cruz mountains. It was mainly broken windows and rattling. Nothing serious," said officer Jay Forbes of the San Jose police department.

Residents shaken awake by the tremor described it as jolting and rolling.

"It felt like I was having my bed rolled around on a skateboard. I woke up and I was moving," said Henry J. Peterson of Santa Clara, next to San Jose.

"It was the strongest I've felt," said Virginia Beck, 38, who lives in San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district.

"I live in an old building that was built after the 1906 quake, and it really had me going," Beck said. "It felt like you were sitting on a saw horse, rocking back and forth."

14 more Sri Lankans jailed for Male coup bid

NEW DELHI, Aug. 8. (AP): The Maldives highest court has sentenced 14 more Sri Lankans to prison for last November's unsuccessful invasion and attempted government overthrow, officials of this Indian ocean archipelago said today.

In handing down the sentences yesterday, the court asked the convicted men to pay a total of \$14 million as compensation for deaths, injuries and property damage during the assault.

The men received prison terms ranging from 17 to 38 years, according to a Maldives government statement teleaxed to New Delhi today. Eight others were given 17-year prison terms on Sunday.

Death sentences were handed down to six Sri Lankans on Sunday for involvement in the attempt to overthrow President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom.

The government has charged Abdullah Luthfi, a Sri Lanka-based Maldivian, with organising the coup and recruiting mercenaries from a Sri Lankan rebel group.

"The 14 sentenced today were found guilty for invading the country on 3rd November 1988 with the armed attackers sent by the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam of Sri Lanka," the statement said.

It accused them of aiding in an "armed attack that might have endangered the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the country."

2,016 of them in Pakistan Billionaires galore

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 8. (KUNA): There are 2,016 billionaires in Pakistan, according to latest officially prepared figures.

Of them 1,337 became billionaires in the nine-year period 1979-1988, said a survey recently conducted by the State Bank of Pakistan, the nation's apex bank.

There were only 419 billionaires in Pakistan in 1979, the survey said, basing its findings on bank accounts ranging from Rs 100 million and 1,000 million apiece.

The definition of billionaire only covers accounts of Rs 100 million-1,000 million held in recognised Pakistani banks and excludes accounts in foreign banks and immovable assets.

One aspect of the survey is that the number of billionaires in Pakistan shot up by 380 per cent in the nine years of General Zia-ul-Haq's martial law regime, from 419 in 1979 to 2,016 in 1988.

Commenting on the State Bank finding, the daily Pakistan Times in an editorial headlined Era of Billionaires said: "In other words this country has been creating multi-millionaires at a rough average of one per less than a week over these nine years."

It attributed the phenomenon to corruption which stemmed from despotism of late Zia. When democratic process is suspended and there is authoritarian rule corruption becomes a way of life, it said.

2 injured in bomb blast

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Aug. 8. (AP): Two people were injured today in the second bomb explosion to jolt this frontier city in as many days, police said.

The early morning bomb was planted in a local hotel, police said. On Sunday, four people were killed and another 31 wounded when a powerful bomb ripped through a vegetable market in Peshawar's old city.

No group has claimed responsibility for either bombing. But police have blamed previous terrorist bombings in Pakistan on agents of neighbouring Afghanistan's ruling Communist Party.

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False financial prophets exposed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8. (Agencies): "Born again" con artists, using religion as a key part of their investment pitch, have bilked more than 15,000 Americans out of more than \$450 million in the past five years, a new study said yesterday.

The study, "Preying on the Faithful: The False Prophets of the Investment World," was done by the North American Securities Administrators Association and the Council of Better Business Bureaus.

John Baldwin, president of the Securities Administrators Association, said it "now appears that religiously oriented swindlers are one of today's hottest tickets for investment con artists."

The study found a "sharp increase in the ranks of the 'false prophets' of investment" in recent years.

Baldwin said no single religious group appears to be particularly vulnerable to the swindlers exploiting faith to coerce investments in their scheme.

Sharps who masqueraded as Amish folk bilked 30 Amish families in southeastern Indiana of about \$50,000, Secretary of State Joseph Hogsett said yesterday.

Hogsett said he had issued a cease-and-desist order forbidding Pioneer Development Investment Co. from doing any further business in Indiana. The scam involved persuading the Amish that a \$500 investment would gain them an unsecured \$100,000 line of credit in a British West Indies bank, Hogsett said.

He said Pioneer is based in the British West Indies, with an office in Houston, Texas.

Hogsett said he has reason to believe Pioneer agents may have operated also in other Indiana communities, but he knew for sure about their doings in Ripley and Switzerland counties, where there are settlements of Amish, a conservative Christian sect who live a mainly pre-technology lifestyle.

Pioneer agents dressed in plain clothing and had beards that made them appear to be fellow Amish, he said.

"It's almost become a regular scam throughout the country," Hogsett said. "Someone moves into a religiously oriented community claiming to be a believer and becomes one of the community's own, which heightens trust and confidence in the person and diminishes the amount of scrutiny of investment opportunities."

Baldwin and James McIlhenny of the Better Business Bureaus pointed to the current investigations of Washington Communications lawyer Thomas Root, whose plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean July 13 under mysterious circumstances, as "just the tip of the iceberg" of the growing number of schemes relying on religious overtones to attract investors.

Root represented primarily fundamentalist Christian investors who placed an estimated \$16 million in religious radio station licence syndicates organised by Sunrise Management Inc. of Columbus, Georgia.

Root, who, according to the report, received some \$1.6 million from the scheme.



Mary Sue Davis arrives at Blount County Courthouse on Monday accompanied by her attorney Jay Christenberry. (Reuter wirephoto)



Junior L. Davis (right) arrives at Blount County Courthouse on Monday accompanied by a bodyguard. (Reuter wirephoto)

Who has the right?

Embryo custody trial begins

MARYVILLE, Tennessee, Aug. 8. (Agencies): An estranged couple's battle over the fate of seven fertilised human eggs went to trial yesterday in an unprecedented divorce case attorney is calling the first of its kind in the United States.

The attorney for Mary Sue Davis, 28, of Maryville, Tennessee, contended the embryos are "pre-born children" with rights of their own. Her husband of 10 years, Junior Lewis Davis, filed for divorce in February.

"The question of how we classify these embryos is vital," Jay Christenberry said in his opening statement at the divorce trial. "While the couple's rights are important, there are other rights we must consider."

Davis is seeking to block Mrs Davis from attempting to become pregnant with any of the eggs fertilised when the couple took part in an in-vitro fertilisation programme six years ago in an unsuccessful effort to have a child. Davis says that now that they are divorcing, he does not want to have a child with her.

"The position of Junior Lewis Davis is that no disposition of the pre-embryos should be made until he and Mary Davis agree that their rights in this very unique material are joint and equal," said Charles Clifford, Davis' attorney.

Davis won a temporary court order against his wife's use of the eggs after filing for divorce. He told reporters he does not want his child to suffer the pain of a broken home.

"I came from a broken home," Davis said before the trial began. "I grew up in a children's home. I see the problems these things cause. I definitely do not want a child of mine to go through this."

Experts say cases like the Davises' will proliferate in years to come because of the 4,000 embryos now held in cold storage across the country.

Before the trial opened, Judge W. Dale Young said he was "troubled by the fact that I don't have any guidance to help me ferret out the right decision in this case."

"But that'll come along, and I'm comfortable that it'll be done as a professional matter," he told the US television network CBS.

In his opening statement, Christenberry said that a central question in the case, "is where life begins." He said the frozen eggs "should be labelled pre-born children."

"Mary Sue Davis wants to bear a child using these seven pre-embryos but she has been restrained from doing so by her husband," Christenberry said.

"The free world needs this issue addressed, and this court has the unique opportunity to address this law for not only the state but possibly the nation. We will ask that the injunction be dissolved and that Mary Sue Davis be given her rights to bear children. We see this case as appropriately defining what embryos are, and that is pre-born children."

Shortly after the divorce case was filed, Mrs Davis said that the eggs are the result of years of surgery, tests and injections and are her best chance at having a child.

She also said she would consider raising the child by herself and not asking for child support.

Mrs Davis says she had five tubal pregnancies after the couple were married in 1979, one resulting in a ruptured fallopian tube. Surgery was done to tie the other tube before the Davises entered the test-tube baby programme administered by Dr. L. Ray King.

There originally were nine fertilised eggs. Two were unsuccessfully implanted before the couple's marriage broke down.

"Mary has been through a lot," Junior Davis said. "No one knows that more than I do. But I have just as much right to decide their future as she does."

Christenberry contended that Mary Sue Davis should be allowed to use the embryos on the grounds of "natural law."

"If we allow a man to change his mind in midstream, we'd be changing the natural law of history that has existed since genesis," he said. When a man consents and fertilises, whether it's IVF or in the womb, he's given his consent, permission and only gift, and he shouldn't take it back. It should be up to the mother."

King is recommending the other eggs remain in his control, later to be donated anonymously to an infertile couple.

The Davises did not sign a contract saying what should be done with the embryos in the event of divorce or the death of one or both partners. King says that was an oversight but that such an agreement probably could be contested in court anyway.

Favours weapons control

Hinckley backs tough gun laws

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8. (AP): John W. Hinckley, saying a gun-purchase waiting period could have kept him from shooting former US President Ronald Reagan in March 1981, has become a gun control advocate.

Hinckley also has asked permission to be interviewed by the news media.

At the time he shot Reagan, "I was responding to a paradoxical rage induced by the constant use of valium," Hinckley, now a patient at a mental hospital, said in court papers seeking an order allowing news media interviews.

He said that if a waiting period for buying weapons had been required, "I believe I would not have gone forward with the effort to shoot the president."

The fact that there is no waiting period, "raises serious questions about the gun laws," Hinckley said in the court papers filed on Friday in US district court.

Hinckley's lawyer, Russell F. Canan, moved for a court order permitting Hinckley to be interviewed for a news

programme on the US television network ABC.

Hinckley also asked for permission to be interviewed "on rare occasions by other responsible members of the news media... including the Washington Post."

"I believe that my rehabilitation and my full recovery can only be aided by my ability to communicate to the people of the United States," said Hinckley.

Hinckley said that on two occasions he had been arrested while in possession of weapons in the same city where then-president Jimmy Carter was appearing.

"The fact that... no action was taken by the United States secret service raises serious questions," said Hinckley.

Hinckley described himself as a "victim" of prescribed drugs who secured weapons "far too easily" and "penetrated presidential security" "without any difficulty."

Authorities at St Elizabeth's Hospital where Hinckley is in custody say they will never allow Hinckley to be interviewed, contended Canan.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

The living dead Corpse alive

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Aug. 8. (AP): An 87-year-old patient at a boarding home was mistaken for dead and turned over to a funeral home, where she startled a mortician preparing to embalm her.

Carrie Stringfellow was listed in fair condition last night at Mercy Medical Centre, said spokeswoman Vicki Forrest.

Dennis L. Porter, director of the Dennis L. Porter funeral home, said he was called to a nearby boarding home on Saturday evening to pick up a body.

When he returned, Porter said, he started to take the woman off the "death cot" and move her onto the embalming table when "she made a noise — uttered something."

The mortician said he then discovered that the woman's eyes were fluttering and she had a faint pulse. He called an emergency squad, which took the woman to the hospital.

JUPITER, Florida: A decade after it opened, the final curtain came down on actor Bert Reynolds' Jupiter Theatre with a gale performance and party.

Reynolds has said he built the dinner theatre because he wanted to give something back to the community where he was raised. It survived for 10 1-2 years, 116 shows and more than 4,000 performances. Now the actor is giving it to a community college.

Tickets for closing night of A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum sold for \$100. The money goes to benefit the institute for theatre training, an acting school affiliated with the theatre (AP).

BOSTON: Chinese student leader Wu'er Kaixi spent part of the weekend at the Kennedy family compound on Cape Cod, but didn't make it to a scheduled breakfast meeting with Mayor Raymond Flynn.

Wu'er, 21, played a key role in the student protests last spring in Beijing and escaped China just prior to the June military crackdown on Tiananmen Square. He reportedly may enroll at Harvard University this fall.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy invited Wu'er and another Chinese student to the family's Hyannis port home for a clam bake and a little sailing. (AP).

NEW YORK: Rudolf Nureyev, rehearsing for The King and I, said he turned down the lead role in the musical when it was offered to him 10 years ago because he thought it would interfere with his dancing.

"Now the time is propitious," the 51-year-old dancer said in an interview published in Time magazine.

Nureyev will play the haughty King of Siam in the musical which was being rehearsed in New York for a tour of US and Canadian cities opening this month. (AP).

NEW YORK: Erica Jong who wrote the best-selling novel Fear of Flying has married New York attorney Kenneth David Burrows.

Jong's marriage to Burrows at his home in Warren, Vermont, was her third and his second. Their previous marriages ended in divorce.

Jong also has written Sessuesiana and several books of poetry.

Burrows is a senior partner in the law firm of Burrows, Poster and Franzblau. (AP).

CALIFORNIA: One of the members of the cast of Murder in Mississippi, television movie about the slayings of civil rights workers, already knew plenty about the struggle of blacks in the 1960s. Vondra-zahle Abernathy is the daughter of the Rev Ralph Abernathy, an aide to Dr Martin Luther King. Abernathy, who said she remembers marching with her parents from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., and playing behind the Lincoln Memorial with Hollywood stars during the historic march on Washington, plays the woman who ran the Meridian, Miss., Civil Rights Office. "When I auditioned, the casting director was telling me about the south and the movement — assuming I was a California babe," Abernathy said. "Then I said, 'I know,' and told her who my father was. She said, 'My God! When I re-create these scenes, I feel honored.'" (UPI).

PARIS: Lisa Siwa is making another attempt to start a guardian angels wing in Paris. "We are on a crusade for the rights of man," Siwa, 31, said at a press conference at a bustling Paris subway station as she announced test patrols in the metro system.

"We are not a paramilitary group. We are volunteers, non-violent people. We only intervene if somebody is in danger, to rescue him," Siwa, the wife of Guardian Angels founder Curtis Siwa, failed at starting a chapter in Paris in 1984 but this time she intends to establish civilian patrols in Lyon and Marseille, too. Siwa implied she may deploy all-women patrols in Paris's metro as the Angels have done in the London underground. "In New York our brigades are mainly composed of men," she said. "The problem is different, our situation there is a war against drugs. Delinquency in Europe is of a different nature — attacks against women, elderly people. I think a presence by women is more dissuasive." (UPI).

NEW JERSEY: Elton John recovered from his stomach trouble in time to perform Sunday night's show at New Jersey's Meadowlands as scheduled. A John spokesman said he had to postpone Saturday night's show until Monday because of food poisoning. (UPI).

WASHINGTON: Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., 67, has a new wife. Udall married Norma Gilbert Sunday in the capitol with House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., as his best man. A Udall aide said the new Mrs Udall is keeping her age a secret because "she does not want to go through life with her name always appearing in print followed by a coma and her age." Udall's first wife, Ella, by whom he had six children, died last year. (UPI).

ST. PAUL, Minnesota: The trans-Antarctica expedition led by Minnesota's Will Steger is making good progress in its first week despite high winds.

"So far it's been fast going," said Steger, who in 1986 led a dog-sled trek to the North Pole. "We have very hard surfaces and the weather has been co-operating."

Speaking by radio with base managers in southern Chile and on King George Island, Steger reported that his St Paul-based international trans-Antarctica expedition cruised 16 miles (25 kilometers) over the glossy, hard pack of the Larsen Ice Shelf, increasing the total distance covered to more than 90 miles (145 kilometers) in the first week (AP).

BOSTON: Rock 'n' roll star Rod Stewart headlined a benefit for the American Cancer Society in honor of Canadian Terry Fox, an amputee who died after trying to run across Canada to raise awareness for cancer.

Betty Fox flew from Vancouver to attend the event and said it was a continuation of her son's wish to help stop cancer victims' suffering. (AP).

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INTERNATIONAL

Gag order placed on critic of project

WASHINGTON, Aug 8, (AP): A US judge has placed a gag order on a retired US Army counter-intelligence officer barring him from publicly discussing his allegations of waste, fraud and abuse in a secret US programme concerning government after a nuclear attack.

US District Court Judge Norma H. Johnson issued the order orally against Fred Westerman and his lawyer, Frank Mroz, last Tuesday, the day after the magazine US News and World Report published a story about the project, government sources said yesterday.

A US Senate committee investigator, following up on the article with an attempt

to interview Westerman, was told the judge's order extended to conversations with Congress, said the sources.

However, Army spokesman Lt. Col. John Chapla said of the allegations of irregularities in the secret programme, "The appropriate authorities within the Congress and the executive branch review these efforts regularly."

The programme known as COG, for continuity of government, concerns plans for enabling the government to regroup in the event of a nuclear attack. The project includes mobile communications systems and command-post bunkers around the country, according to the magazine.

US News reported that the Defence Department, the US Justice Department, the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee and a US grand jury are looking into aspects of COG. The investigations reportedly focus on allegations that contracts were awarded improperly or that payments were made for work not properly done, resulting in millions of dollars in costs that may not be justified.

Westerman, whose small firm provided some security services to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in connection with COG, complained to the Army of what he said were irregularities in

the programme starting in March 1987. On Christmas Eve 1987, after Westerman continued to make such allegations to superiors, the Army told him that his contract was not being renewed, despite earlier assurances that it would be, according to papers he filed in the US court of claims. He says he is still owed half a million dollars in unreimbursed costs.

Westerman, a retired major who spent 20 years as an Army counter-intelligence officer, subsequently took his allegations to the FBI, the Justice Department and the Inspector General's Office at the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Plea to shun South Africa

CANBERRA, Australia, Aug 8, (AP): Prime Minister Bob Hawke pleaded with Commonwealth foreign ministers today to maintain economic sanctions against South Africa, saying the international campaign was proving effective.

"The message is getting through," Hawke said, adding he hoped the international financial community would maintain the pressure which had "proved such a powerful force for change."

"In late August of 1985, South Africa came under such intense pressure from its creditors that it defaulted on a portion of its international debt and as a result ... became an unacceptable risk," Hawke told the ministers.

Hawke spoke on the second day of the fourth meeting of the Commonwealth committee of foreign ministers on Southern Africa, representing Australia, Canada, Guyana, India, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

He was launching a book entitled "Apartheid and International Finance," by former Australian government official Tony Cole and Australian writer Keith Ovenden. The book argues that a credit squeeze should be maintained on South Africa to end its system of racial separation, called apartheid.

Hawke credited the Commonwealth with taking the lead against apartheid by regulating trade and drafting codes of conduct for businesses to ensure South Africa remained at the margin of the international community.

"Recent signs that the South African government may be willing to negotiate are encouraging, but as yet they have delivered nothing," Hawke said. "Certainly there are no indications that apartheid will be abolished."

In Pretoria, South Africa's Foreign Minister Pik Botha today released the text of a letter he sent to his Canadian counterpart, Joe Clark, urging the Commonwealth ministers to reconsider their pro-sanctions stance.

Botha said recent "authoritative and independent surveys" indicate that a majority of South African blacks reject sanctions. He also said South Africa had proved its commitment to peace in southern Africa by agreeing to grant independence to Namibia and encouraging talks between warring factions in Angola and Mozambique.

"This is not the time for recriminations and mindless vendettas," Botha said. "To brand South Africa as the villain does not serve the interests of the peoples of southern Africa."

However, a report presented to the Commonwealth meeting urged continued sanctions on South Africa, charging it with economic pressures, direct attacks, sabotage and car bombs, assassinations and kidnappings in neighbouring countries.

The report by the Zimbabwe-based African Research and Documentation Centre (ARDC), by David Martin and Phyllis Johnson, alleged torture of Mozambiquans by South African-backed Renamo rebels and maiming of an estimated 40,000 Angolans by South African-led mines.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other anti-apartheid leaders demonstrated today in support of a national defiance campaign, and police reported widespread student unrest in townships near Cape Town.



Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega (left) says the new Central American peace plan will put an end to the US-backed Contras. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cent Am inks peace plan

Over for Contras

TELA, Honduras, Aug 8, (AP): Five Central American presidents have signed a plan to disband the US-backed Nicaraguan rebels by December, and President Daniel Ortega called on Washington to respect the Contras' "death sentence."

"In this way the United States can contribute to peace in Nicaragua and Central America," the Nicaraguan leader said last night upon returning to Managua from a three-day summit at this Honduran beach resort.

The plan, laid out in a set of three accords signed yesterday, set a 30-day deadline for a combined UN-Organisation of American States observer mission to organise itself and another 90 days for the Contras to demobilise.

About 11,000 Contras and their 12,000 dependents living in Honduras along the Nicaraguan border are to be resettled in Nicaragua if they want and in other nations if not. Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica volunteered to take some in, though most would prefer to go to the United States.

Ortega accused the United States of trying to block the accord, but US officials and officials of other Central American nations denied the charge.

Contra spokesman Bosco Matamoros blamed the outcome on "political confusion in Washington."

"This is a disaster for the State Department because it tried to impose its policy too late," said

Highlights of accords

TELA, Honduras, Aug 8, (AP): These are the major points in the peace accords signed yesterday by the presidents of Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua:

- The Nicaraguan Contra rebels are to begin demobilising within 30 days. Resettlement of the Contras and their dependents is to be completed within another 90 days.
- Honduras will no longer allow its territory to be used by rebel forces fighting another government.
- Nicaragua will drop its case in the World Court against Honduras protesting the presence of Contra forces in Honduras.
- The United Nations will be asked to provide mechanisms to verify the demobilisation and end of hostilities.
- Leftist rebels in El Salvador are asked to give up their fight and "initiate a dialogue" with the Salvadoran government.
- The five nations will co-operate in the fight against drug trafficking and use.
- The five presidents agreed to meet again in Nicaragua before the end of the year.

Matamoros in an interview with Costa Rica's Radio Impacto. Last-minute US pressure "had a counterproductive effect," he added.

US President George Bush's government had been lobbying to keep the Contras active until February's scheduled elections in Nicaragua as a guarantee of the "democratisation" that Ortega's leftist government has promised.

In Mexico City, where he met with Mexican officials, US Secretary of State James A. Baker III said he could not comment because he had not seen a text of the pact.

Baker noted that the Esquipulas Agreement, a Central American accord signed two years ago, says any Contra demobilisation must be carried out under conditions of safety

and democracy in Nicaragua and must be voluntary.

"I don't think the Central American democracies would do anything to change the terms of the agreement that they have put forth," Baker said.

If the full 120 days from yesterday are used, Dec 5 would be the deadline for the new plan. The accords do not mention the consequences of any delay, but deadlines in previous Central American agreements have often been observed more in the breach.

The Central American nations must "find enough will to go along with the accords" if they are to stick, said Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, who won a Nobel Peace Prize for initiating the regional peace process more than two years ago.

Trading of charges

Peace eludes Angola

LISBON, Aug 8, (AP): Angola yesterday accused UNITA rebels of stepping up military action in an alleged attempt to sabotage the truce in Angola's 14-year civil war, the Angolan state news agency reported.

The ANGOP reported from Luanda, the Angolan capital, that a Defence Ministry statement said rebel leader Jonas Savimbi has ordered a "general military offensive" across five Angolan provinces in defiance of a June 24 ceasefire.

Both sides repeatedly have traded accusations of truce violations since they agreed during an African summit meeting in Gbadolite, Zaire, June 22 to stop fighting and start reconciliation talks. However, initial talks have broken down twice.

Negotiations had been scheduled to begin again yesterday.



Savimbi day in Kinsasha, Zaire, according to an earlier ANGOP report quoting Foreign Minister Pedro de Castro van Dunem.

backed UNITA — the National Union for Total Independence of Angola — of endangering the peace process by refusing to honour the truce agreed to by Savimbi and Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos in Gbadolite.

"The Gbadolite accords are in danger," ANGOP quoted van Dunem as saying. "(UNITA) doesn't accept the accords launched in Gbadolite and on the contrary has resolved to launch a military campaign to take power by force."

UNITA's Lisbon representative, Alcides Sakala, dismissed van Dunem's statement.

Sakala said UNITA remains loyal to Gbadolite, and accused the Angolan government of attempting to confuse international opinion with false stories.

all issues under discussion to be resolved during the meeting.

Calling for more US investment and greater access to Mexican products in the United States, Solana said, "We do not want gifts or charity. We want to increase productivity, to be more competitive and have access for our products on equal footing to the most important market in the world and that is the United States."

The US-Mexico Binational Commission was created by former President Ronald Reagan and Jose Lopez Portillo when that Mexican leader visited Washington in June 1981. It has met every year except 1986 and 1988.

The current meetings is taking place at a time when cordiality dominates relations between the two neighbours, which share a 1,933-mile (3,110-km) border.

Soviets, US to accept court

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 8, (AP): The United States and Soviet Union have agreed to accept the World Court's authority in seven treaties that punish hijackers and drug traffickers, US officials said yesterday.

Five of the treaties cover airline hijacking, sabotage and terrorism, and require hijackers and terrorists to be tried or extradited. Two treaties call for seizure of the assets of drug lords and the trial or extradition of drug traffickers.

Under the agreement, Washington and Moscow will submit disputes over interpretation of the treaties to an arbitration panel of five of the World Court's 15 judges, said US officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Both parties must agree upon which five judges will be the arbiters, allaying fears by either side that the entire court would be biased. The arbiters' ruling would be binding on both sides.

The agreement was signed Thursday by US State Department legal adviser Abraham Sofaer and his counterpart in the Soviet Foreign Ministry, Yuri M. Rybakov.

Under its provisions, Washington and Moscow eventually could submit other treaties to arbitration, although disputes involving national security or the use of force are exempt.

That would avoid cases like Nicaragua's 1986 dispute with Washington, in which the Sandinista government contended the United States was illegally mining its harbours and supporting the Contra rebels. The US government refused to honour a World Court ruling that sided with the Sandinistas.

A US legal adviser said there were no current cases involving hijacking, terrorism or drug trafficking to test the new US-Soviet agreement, but noted such cases have arisen before.

Aircraft hijackers from Eastern Europe have landed in Berlin's western sector in the past, and such cases could come under the new agreement, he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Several years ago, a hijacker who landed in West Berlin was tried by a US judge and received a light sentence of time already served while awaiting trial. East European officials had sought extradition or a severe sentence.

Under the new agreement, the World Court could rule on whether a hijacker should be extradited if a dispute arose over his sentence or legal status.

The pact is the latest US-Soviet move to enhance the authority of the court, formally known as the International Court of Justice at The Hague, which is the main judicial body of the United Nations.

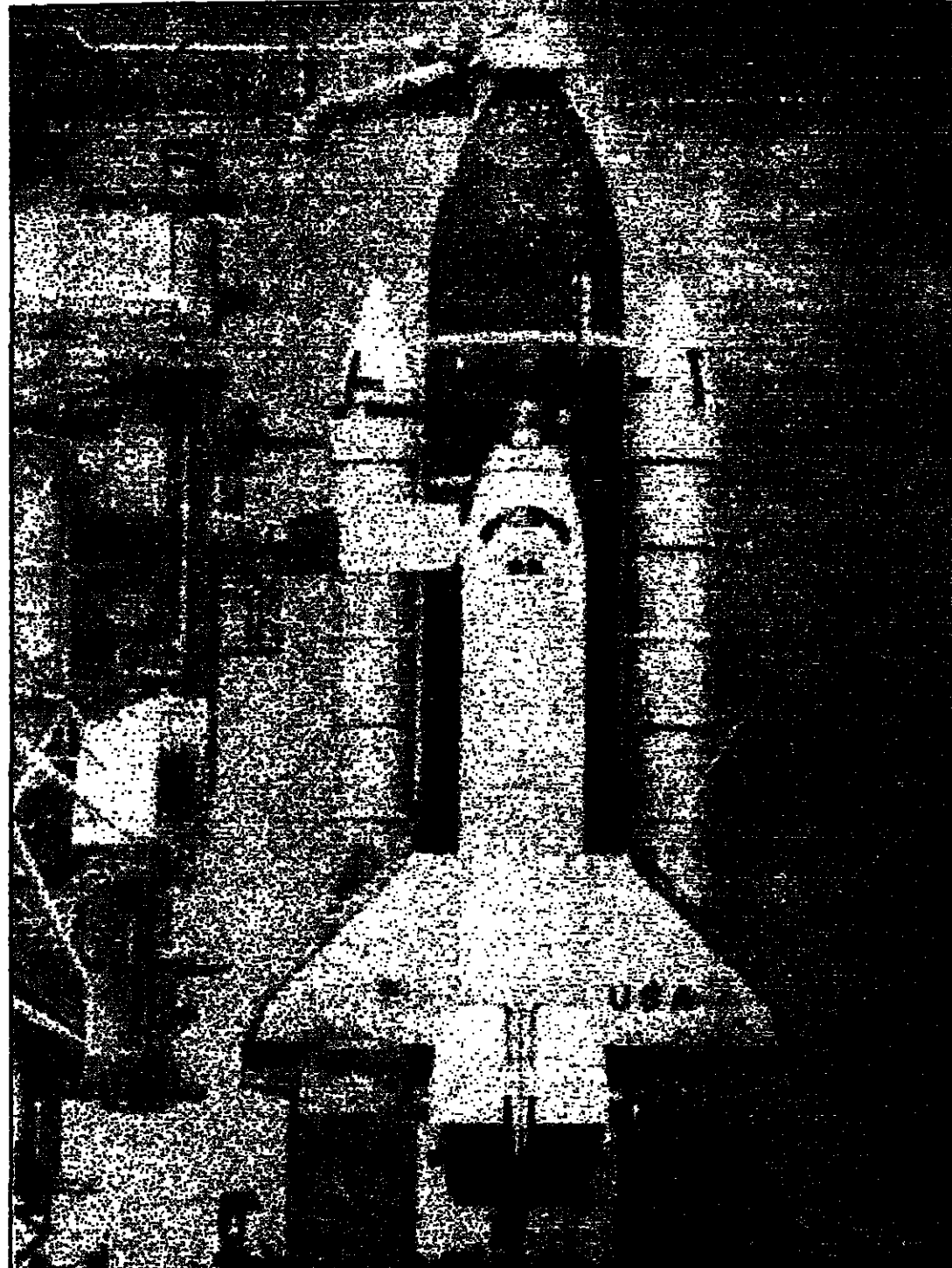
Although the World Court has no enforcement powers, its rulings carry a major moral impact on world opinion.

Washington accepts World Court rulings under about 60 treaties dealing with a range of diplomatic and commercial issues.

For 40 years, the Soviets had rejected the court's authority, but Moscow reversed its policy in accordance with President Mikhail Gorbachev's new emphasis on human rights and international law.

The Soviet Union said in March it will obey the court's rulings in human-rights treaties condemning genocide, banning traffic in prostitution and other forms of slavery, guaranteeing political rights for women, banning racism and outlawing torture.

Prior to Thursday's agreement, the Soviet Union rejected the court's jurisdiction in the seven anti-drug and hijacking treaties. The United States already had agreed to the court's authority in those treaties.



Workers stand on the launch pad (lower right) as the space shuttle Columbia, after the rotating service structure, was rolled back exposing the orbiter on Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Columbia blasts off with military cargo

Mission top secret

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Aug 8, (Agencies): The rebuilt space shuttle Columbia blasted off today on a secret military mission that aerospace industry sources said would deploy a sophisticated satellite to spy on the Soviet Union.

The Columbia, oldest of the three US space shuttles, took off at 8:37 am (1237 GMT) on a mission of undisclosed duration. The time of launch was revealed just nine minutes before blast-off.

The spacecraft, making its seventh space flight and first since 1986, was carrying a crew of five, all military officers.

Because the flight is a secret military mission, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Defence Department spokesmen refused to release details, including the exact flight time, the length of the mission and the payload — or even what the astronauts will eat. While the Pentagon maintains a stony silence, private technology experts say the payload is a spy satellite, although they differ over what kind.

Some predict the launch will carry the advanced photo satellite code-named Strategic

Mission to Mars hailed

MOSCOW, Aug 8, (UPI): The foremost Soviet space writer yesterday hailed President Bush's call for a manned mission to Mars with a "Bravo, Mr President."

"George Bush's programme certainly defies imagination," said Vladimir Gubarev, a Pravda reporter who has covered every major development in the Soviet space programme.

Gubarev said Bush's call on July 20 for a moon-based space station as a springboard to Mars next century was a breathtaking step on "the space staircase."

"Bravo Mr President," Gubarev wrote in Pravda, the official newspaper of the Communist Party.

Gubarev, writing in Ogonek magazine last month, apologized for his nation's TV blackout of the US moon landing 20 years ago as disrespectful and shameful.

He also lamented the end of US-Soviet space cooperation and called the lone joint rendezvous mission in July 1975 "a mirror of the future that was smashed to smithereens."

Gubarev noted Bush's words that the United States has 10 special reasons to go forward to Mars — the 10 US astronauts who gave their lives in space missions.

Response Satellite (SRS), which is said to be able to snap pictures from orbit of images as small as a newspaper headline.

The SRS is the latest in the so-called Keyhole series — essentially an improved version of the KH-11, known as the workhorse of the Pentagon's spy satellite programme.

Other private sources predict

the payload will be a \$500-million radar satellite, code-named Lacrosse. It is said to be so powerful it can detect underground facilities.

"We have a completely clean and smooth ascent from mission control. Columbia is very clean," a NASA spokesman said at the mission control centre in Houston.

Defence bill battle likely

WASHINGTON, Aug 8, (AP): Lawmakers are predicting a contentious session when they try to craft defence legislation from a US House of Representatives bill and a Senate blueprint that largely endorses President George Bush's priorities.

"I think it will be a more difficult conference than we've had in some time," Sen. Sam Nunn, a Georgia Democrat, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said shortly after the chamber approved a military package that left Bush's proposals on "Star Wars" mobile missiles and the B-2 bomber relatively intact.

"Star Wars" is the space-based missile defence system formally known as the Strategic Defence Initiative.

The Senate action came less than one week after the House gutted or severely curtailed many of the president's strategic programmes, including a last-minute step killing the single-warhead Midgetman missile.

The most tenuous issue is the compromise worked out earlier this year between the White House and congressional leaders on proceeding with two nuclear missiles — the multiple-warhead MX and Midgetman.

The House cut \$502 million from the \$1.1 billion administration request for the MX Rail-Garrison System and eliminated all \$100 million from the Midgetman as angry Republicans joined forces with liberal Democrats to kill the small ICBM programme.

The Senate endorsed Bush's request for both programmes with Nunn stressing that the United States needs the two missiles for its bargaining power in strategic arms reduction talks with the Soviet Union.

But Rep. William Dickinson of Alabama, the ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee who was part of the compromise worked out with the White House, indicated that he won't accept that plan.

Failure to revive the Midgetman may be acceptable to Defence Secretary Dick Cheney, who originally opposed the two-missile plan but later accepted Bush's decision.

In other action, the House slashed \$1.8 billion from Bush's request of \$4.9 billion for the "Star Wars" anti-missile shield, and authorised using the money for conventional programmes, military drug interdiction and cleanup of nuclear waste sites.

Iowa fires to exercise

NORFOLK, Virginia, Aug 8, (UPI): The battleship USS Iowa has fired its 16-inch (400 mm) guns in the Mediterranean Sea for the first time since an April 19 explosion in the battleship's No 2 gun turret killed 47 sailors, the Navy said yesterday.

The firing of the ship's huge guns occurred Aug 4 during military exercises and was carried out in accordance with revised guidelines for firing guns aboard the Navy's four World War II-era battleships, a spokeswoman said.

Shortly after the Iowa blast, the Navy ordered that none of the 16-inch (400mm) guns aboard its four recommissioned battleships be fired, pending an investigation of the tragedy.

That order was modified in June to allow the battleships to fire during times of war, contingency operations, and certain training periods.

"Safety considerations were reviewed very, very carefully," Ensign Taylor Kiland said. "It was determined that the use of the 16-inch (400mm) guns did not pose any risk to the battleships or the people aboard them."

Kiland would not provide any details of the firing.

Kaifu to become Japan's premier

Ex-minister to lead LDP

TOKYO, Aug 8, (AP)—Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party elected Toshiki Kaifu as its leader today, making him the certain choice to succeed Souseike Uno as the next prime minister.

"I want to carry out reforms and pass reform legislation based on our deep self-reflection. We must carry out political reforms and shed our old skin," Kaifu declared after his selection by the scandal-ridden party.

Kaifu was expected to be elected prime minister tomorrow by the lower house of parliament, which is dominated by Liberal Democrats. The 58-year-old former education minister is the LDP's third leader in just over two months.

This is a crucial time for our party, so it will be a great responsibility," Kaifu told reporters at a news conference following today's party ballot.

Kaifu faces the severe challenge of restoring public trust in the LDP following widespread disaffection over the so-called Recruit influence peddling scandal and controversy surrounding Uno.

Seventeen people were arrested on bribery and other charges in the Recruit scandal, which involved sales of large numbers of unlisted shares in the real estate subsidiary of the Recruit Co. publishing conglomerate.

Three cabinet ministers also resigned due to Recruit links, but were neither arrested nor charged. But former Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita resigned to take responsibility for the scandal.

Takeshita's successor, Uno, was plagued by reports that he kept paid mistresses, and announced his resignation July 24 to take responsibility for the LDP's loss in upper-house elections.

Today was the first time in 17 years that the Liberal Democrats decided to elect their president through a vote of LDP lawmakers and 47 delegates from regional party organisations.

Kaifu, a two-time former education minister, received 279 votes against 120 for Yoshiro Hayashi, former health and welfare minister and 48 for Shintaro Ishihara, novelist and former transportation minister. Four of the 451 votes were invalid.

Despite the vote, Kaifu's candidacy emerged from backroom deals by party faction leaders who reportedly hoped to guarantee their own future at the prime ministership by selecting a relatively powerless nominee.

The deals, which went against calls for greater democracy and openness in the party, angered some party members, who then nominated Hayashi and Ishihara.

"I ask for the understanding, and the strong, warm support of all the people of Japan in moving forward step by step toward a rejuvenated Liberal Democratic Party of tomorrow," Kaifu said.

In other developments today, Emperor Akihito opened a new session of parliament and called for lawmakers to promote world peace and national prosperity.

The parliament convened for the first time in 34 years with an upper house no longer dominated by Liberal Democrats after they lost their majority in the July 23 elections.

Kaifu, if he is successful in reversing the decline in the LDP's popularity, will have a chance to realign the power structure in the party which has governed Japan since it was founded in 1955.

A poor performance, conversely, could lead to the LDP losing its majority in the lower house in elections that must be held by next July.

"I think the party election was very clean," said Hajime Morita, a Liberal Democrat lawmaker. Unlike in the past, he said, when large amounts of money changed hands within the party to lobby support for candidates, "This time very little money was used."

"I think there is a growing feeling in the party that the public is watching what we are doing," he said.

All three candidates to replace Uno agreed in speeches yesterday to party members that the Liberal Democrats should revise an unpopular 3 per cent sales tax that outraged Japanese consumers and contributed to the election loss.

Sorge Affair suspect Accused spy dies

TOKYO, Aug 8, (UPI)—Ritsuo Ito, former No. 2 man in the Japan Communist Party who was implicated in Japan's worst prewar spy case involving German Richard Sorge, died of a kidney ailment at a Tokyo hospital yesterday, the hospital reported today. He was 76.

Ito was said to have co-operated with Japanese authorities in the crackdown of the spy case, known in Japan as the Sorge Affair, shortly before the outbreak of World War II in 1941.

Information supplied by Ito to Japanese interrogators led to the arrest of Sorge, a German communist, and his Japanese associate on the eve of the outbreak of World War II, according to Japanese reports.

Sorge's report to Moscow ruling out the Japanese Army's northward advance enabled the Soviet Union to transfer its forces from the Far East to reinforce its fighting against the Nazi Germans, the reports said.

Official records have been destroyed and the credibility of the reports has not been ascertained. Ito kept silence on the case.

Sorge entered Japan as a journalist in October 1941, two months before Pearl Harbor.

He and his associate, Hotsumi Ozaki, were executed in 1944, a year before the end of World War II.

Ito joined the then outlawed Communist Party while he was a high school student and was arrested on charges of violating the notorious Maintenance of the Public Order Act used by the Japanese Imperial Army to crack down on leftist elements.

Ito was paroled but was re-arrested in 1939 and held in prison until the end of the war.



Kaifu raises both arms high in a traditional 'banzai' or hurrah after being elected as the leader of the LDP Tuesday in Tokyo. (Reuters wirephoto)

Conference discussed Meeting on Cambodia

PARIS, Aug 8, (AP)—The Vietnamese foreign minister and a senior Chinese official have met in Paris, mainly to discuss the international peace conference in Cambodia, in the highest-level encounter between the two countries in a decade.

A Vietnamese spokesman, Le Mai, said today the discussions between Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach and a Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister, Liu Shu Quing, took place yesterday at the Chinese embassy in what he called a "frank and open" atmosphere.

"The discussions concerned several subjects of common interest, and particularly the Paris conference on Cambodia," the spokesman said. The two men met as chiefs of their respective delegations at the conference, which opened July 30 and is expected to last about a month.

The spokesman said the two sides agreed to have further discussions. China is the main supporter of the Khmer Rouge and other elements of the resistance to the Vietnamese-backed Cambodian government of Prime Minister Hun Sen.

Relations between China and Vietnam have been sour since the two sides fought briefly in 1979.

Quake strikes: An earthquake struck large areas of central New Zealand on Tuesday, shaking homes and office blocks in the capital, Wellington.

Seismologist Warwick Smith said the quake, centred in the Taranaki district of Western North Island, measured between 5.5 and 6.0 on the Richter scale.

Illegal workers leaving Singapore

SINGAPORE, Aug 8, (UPI)—Illegal workers and overstayers scrambled today to foreign embassies in time to head back to their homelands before the government's "final amnesty" expires and canning starts.

After a three-week grace period in which diplomats exhorted their nationals over prime-time television, at worksites, popular hangouts and even mosques to surrender, more than 332 turned up to take advantage of the last reprieve.

Starting tomorrow the stiff penalties of the new immigration law go into effect, with illegal workers and overstayers sentenced to three strokes of a cane and at least three months in jail.

Thai Ambassador Asda Jayanama said the introduction of a bill in Parliament last week extending the mandatory canning rule to include employers who knowingly hire illegal workers prompted the surrender of a large number of illegals.

"Some of the workers wanted to stay on for financial or personal reasons," said Asda. "But labour agents told them, 'I won't hire you anymore.'"

The latest legislation is part of the Singapore government's continuing efforts to combat the problem of illegal workers here. Under the amended act, bosses who knowingly employ more than five illegal and traffickers will also be canned if found guilty.

"They are the root cause of the problem, and should be dealt with more severely," the Ministry of Home Affairs said.

Asda said he was pleased with the total of 271 Thais who reported for repatriation. "That's a good number. Our efforts — the embassy, the people of Thailand and Singapore authorities — our common efforts have been successful."

Officials from the high commissions of India, Bangladesh, the Philippines and Indonesia have also been warning their nationals to take advantage of the last grace period.

The second amnesty came in the wake of the mass repatriation exercise from March until June of 12,000 workers, with 10,000 Thais departing in March in the largest single exodus.

The Thai government and labour leaders have said they will not appeal for another amnesty should any illegal Thai worker be arrested after today.

Thai authorities and labour unions were in an uproar after Somkid Kamjan, a Thai illegal immigrant, became the first Thai to be sentenced to canning and jail after he deliberately decided not to be repatriated with the others in the earlier exercise.

His arrest sparked the final amnesty following formal appeals from the Thai government, and Somkid was among those freed.



Hong Kong police drag away protesters early Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Police haul off protesters

HONG KONG, Aug 8, (Reuters)—Police moved today against angry Hong Kong residents protesting against the unabated flow of Vietnamese boat people to the British colony.

A small group of protesters had occupied the site of a proposed detention centre in the new territories district of Sai Kung for the past nine days. Police moved in before dawn today and carried them to a waiting bus.

The protesters have been blocking construction work at the site, citing lack of security and fears of pollution for the nearby reservoir.

The sit-in was part of a concerted effort by local civic groups who want Hong Kong to end its policy of first asylum, under which Vietnamese boat people are allowed to land here.

"The public and the press have been monitoring the situation, yet the government fails to make any improvement," said protest leader Wong Shui-Shang.

A member of the Shatin District Board, Johnston Wong, maintained Hong Kong's refugee problem had become unmanageable.

"The only solution would be to stop accepting any more refugees and immediately send back those already in Hong Kong," he said.

There are now 52,755 Vietnamese jammed into Hong Kong's camps and detention centres, many living in cramped miserable conditions. Over 1,000 have arrived in the past three days.

Hong Kong has operated a tough policy of screening out

Vietnamese boatpeople attacked

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 8, (UPI)—Thirteen Vietnamese boatpeople arriving at a refugee transit camp today charged pirates attacked their craft, raping 15 women and throwing others overboard.

The survivors told officials from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the Island of Bidong they fled in a group of 84 but were attacked by pirates in two fishing boats as they headed for Malaysian waters Saturday night.

Workers on an Esso oil platform 125 miles (200 kms) off of the country's east coast launched a rescue attempt after fishermen spotted the survivors Sunday, but feared by today the remaining 71 were dead.

The refugees said the pirates raped the 15 women aboard while others were thrown over the sides. Rescuers found the dead body of a woman floating near another oil platform.

Refugees fleeing Vietnam have been easy prey for

pirates, speeding through the South China Sea in trawlers equipped with powerful engines and often radar.

Statistics show more than 70 refugee boats have been attacked by pirates since the beginning of 1988 with more than 400 refugees either missing or presumed dead.

Malaysian and other Southeast Asian countries providing first asylum to boatpeople decided in March they would no longer grant Indochinese refugees automatic resettlement in third countries.

The Geneva conference on Indochinese refugees in June determined the Southeast Asian nations would still provide temporary asylum to refugees until they can be screened to determine if they fled from political persecution or were economic migrants.

Two groups of Vietnamese refugees totalling 380 males and females arrived in southern Japan today, raising to 725 the total number of boat-people arriving in the region since the end of May, the Maritime Safety Agency reported.

genuine refugees from what it considers to be economic migrants since June last year.

Officials estimate only 10 per cent of the 39,262 who have arrived since then qualify as refugees under United Nations criteria.

Those who do not qualify are held as illegal immigrants pending repatriation.

There is growing resentment among Hong Kong's majority Chinese population over the continuing influx, with demonstrations taking place outside temporary detention centres and petitions for an end to first asylum being presented to the government.

Government officials have in the past expressed fears that tension in the colony caused by the approach of 1997, when China regains sovereignty over Hong Kong, could spill over into violence aimed at the Vietnamese.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Shooting rampage

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug 8, (AP)—A drunken Marine sergeant killed himself with a rifle after shooting a major to death and wounding three other people in a predawn rampage on a remote island today, a military official said.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Sgt. Lee Sang-Ho, 21, armed with an M-16 rifle and three hand grenades, deserted his unit on Daechung Island of the west coast early today.

He said Lee, quite drunk, opened fire with the rifle toward a nearby village, wounding two people and then killed a major and seriously wounded a staff sergeant from his unit when they tried to stop him.

Cocaine confiscated

TOKYO, Aug 8, (UPI)—Japanese authorities confiscated a record 3.0 pounds (1.37 kg) of cocaine in the first half of this year, the national police agency reported today.

The agency said the seizure exceeded the previous record of 2.4 pounds (1.09 kg) in the January-June period of 1987.

Agency officials said the figures showed that the number of drug addicts was on the increase in Japan.

A record 47 people, including some foreigners, were questioned or detained during the January-June period on suspicion of smuggling drugs into Japan, they said.

KAL compensation

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug 8, (AP)—The families of the 80 victims in the crash of a Korean Air jetliner in Libya last month will receive 130 million won (\$194,000) each in compensation, KAL officials said today.

The South Korean airliner will also provide full college tuition for all children of the victims, the officials said.

Fruitless search

MANILA, Philippines, Aug 8, (AP)—A US aircraft spotted debris and an oil slick but failed to find survivors of a Soviet oil tanker believed to have sunk in the South China Sea west of the Philippines, officials said today.

A P-3 Orion aircraft was launched yesterday afternoon to search for the vessel, the Vishnu, which was reported listing badly Sunday about 210 kilometres (130 miles) west of Luzon Island, said Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Mukri, spokesman of the US-run Subic Bay Naval Base.

The plane returned after nine hours of unsuccessful search. Mukri said it was not known if another search would be conducted later.

Princess Nori

TOKYO, Aug 8, (UPI)—Princess Nori, eldest daughter of Japan's Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, will spend a summer holiday in Spain with the king and queen of Belgium, the imperial household agency reported today.

Nori, 20-year-old student at Gakushuin University, formerly the Peer's School, was invited by the Belgian royal family.

She will spend about 10 days from Aug 16 at King Baudouin's summer villa in Spain, the agency said.

Crown Prince Naruhito was the guest at the villa in 1976 and 1985, the agency said.

It will be Princess Nori's third trip to Europe, it said.

Liftoff failure

TOKYO, Aug 8, (UPI)—Japan failed to lift a meteorological satellite into orbit today as a domestically-built booster rocket did not ignite properly, officials said.

The official of the national space development agency said the first stage of the three-stage H-1 rocket misfired and failed to set off the second stage consisting of six auxiliary solid fuel rockets.

Cause of the flaw was not immediately known, they said.

The officials said the 136-tonne rocket was to have launched the "Himawari (sunflower) no. 3" geostationary weather satellite into an orbit above the earth.

Military exercise

TINDAL AIRBASE, Australia, Aug 8, (AP)—The largest Australian-American military exercise to be launched since World War II does not envision Indonesia as an enemy, Australian Defence Minister Kim Beazley said.

"I certainly do not think they think they have anything to fear. This is not directed at Indonesia," Beazley said yesterday of the manoeuvres underway across northern Australia.

Some Indonesian and Australian commentators have suggested that operation "Kangaroo 89," is designed with Indonesia as its theoretical enemy. They have said that the fictitious country called "Kamaira" is meant to be Indonesia.

"That's rubbish," said Beazley, responding to the allegation.

US visit

TOKYO, Aug 8, (UPI)—US Vice-President Dan Quayle and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will visit Japan next month to attend a meeting of the International Democratic Union, the Foreign Ministry reported today.

The ministry said an audience between the two leaders and Japan's Emperor Akihito and Empress Nagako is being arranged.

Thatcher and Quayle also are scheduled to confer with Japan's new prime minister, which will succeed outgoing Premier Souseike Uno tomorrow, and leaders of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, ministry officials said.

Japan aid

TOKYO, Aug 8, (Reuters)—Japanese aid to poor nations rose sharply in the second quarter this year, Foreign Ministry officials said today.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Protocol signed
ANKARA, Aug 8. (Reuters): Turkey and the United States, collaborating since 1972 in a drugs enforcement campaign, signed a protocol for a new programme to prevent smuggling and illicit production of opiates, US officials said.
Under the narcotics interdiction assistance programme, the United States will give \$290,000 to the Turkish police as the primary narcotics enforcement agency, they said.
The opiates board of Turkey's state-run soil products office which controls legal cultivation of opium poppy mainly in western Turkey, will receive \$60,000 for efforts to prevent diversion to illicit uses.

Access refused
ROME, Aug 8. (Reuters): An Italian parliamentary commission has refused a magistrate access to secret records he believes could shed light on the crash of an Italian military plane in 1973, parliamentary officials said today.
Venice magistrate Carlo Mastelloni has been investigating the case since 1986, when a former senior counter-intelligence officer alleged that Israel's Mossad secret service sabotaged the plane as a warning to Italy against dealing with Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi.

The supervisory commission on the secret services ruled that the records requested by Mastelloni contained information that could compromise national security if made public.

Cosmonaut reveals
MOSCOW, Aug 8. (AP): A former Soviet cosmonaut is quoted in a book just published that he was scheduled to beat the Americans to the moon in 1969, but that the death of a top rocket designer kept him grounded.
The book about Valery Bykovsky, titled "Cosmonaut No 5" contradicted Kremlin statements that it never intended to send a man to the moon and appeared to confirm speculation by an American space expert.
Bykovsky, in one of several frank reports on Soviet space failures to come out recently, says he had been in training for the Soviet lunar flight that was expected as early as 1968, the official news agency, Tass reported today in an article on the book.

Peace proposal
NAIROBI, Aug 8. (Reuters): Mozambican churchmen presented their government's peace offer to right-wing rebels today in a first tentative step which could eventually end the country's 14-year-old civil war, diplomats said.
But they said the talks, hosted by the government in Kanya in a secret location, were unlikely to produce any immediate truce in the war which has killed tens of thousands of people and left thousands more hungry and homeless.

"It will be several days before we see what is going to happen, whether the process will collapse or whether there will be further steps towards peace," said one Western diplomat.

Ex-spokesman held
VIENNA, Austria, Aug 8. (AP): Stanislav Devaty, a former spokesman for the Charter 77 human rights group, was arrested yesterday in his hometown of Gottwaldov, Czechoslovakia, an emigre source reported.

Along with playwright Vaclav Havel and two other activists, Devaty is a signatory of a letter titled "several sentences" calling for democratic reform. It has been signed by some 15,000 people so far.

Prize shared
UNITED NATIONS, Aug 8. (AP): The chancellor of the UN University for Peace and the International Peace Research Association will share the 1989 UNESCO peace education prize officials said yesterday.
The winners will divide the \$60,000 prize award by the UN education, scientific and cultural organisation, which will be awarded at the agency's Paris headquarters on Sept 20.

Research centres
MOSCOW, Aug 8. (UPI): The Soviet Union is establishing two more Arctic research centres to forestall ecological disaster and the depletion of the ozone level in the vast frozen region surrounding the North Pole, Tass said yesterday.
The official Soviet news agency said the government's third and fourth monitoring stations will be set up outside Murmansk, a city of 426,000 people near the Finnish border on the Barents Sea, and on the Norwegian island of Spitzbergen.

Outraged mother
MOSCOW, Aug 8. (UPI): A health official said today that a government is "catastrophically silent" in stopping the spread of AIDS, and an outraged mother called on the Soviet public to take over the prevention campaign against the deadly disease.

Pravda, the official newspaper of the Communist Party, published an appeal in which the Health Ministry's AIDS Prevention Bureau asked other governmental departments and public organisations to donate foreign currency so that it can buy urgently needed disposable syringes and blood-transfusion systems from other countries.



Mass rally
South Korean opposition leader Kim Dae-jung holding mass rally in Seoul calls on government to stop dragging feet on democratic reforms. Kim recently spent 22 hours in detention being grilled by security men trying to link him to a suspected spy. (Reuters wirephoto)



North Korean and Chinese delegates participating in truce talks show a videotape of South Korean student Im Su-Kyung pleading to come back to South Korea through the border at Panmunjom today. (Reuters wirephoto)

Appeal to permit crossing

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Aug 8. (Reuters): North Korea today barred South Korea with appeals to allow a southern student to return home through the border village of Panmunjom next week.
Activist student Im Su-Kyung aborted her first attempt to cross the tense border last month at Panmunjom, controlled by the US-led United Nations Command, after UNC officials consulted the South Korean government. She has pledged to try again on Aug 15.
North Korean Red Cross chief Son Song-Pil today asked for a Panmunjom meeting on Aug 11 to discuss Im's return. At the same time, a North Korean group formed to promote reunification sent a message to Southern Unification Minister Lee Hong-Koo asking for a similar meeting on Aug 14.
The North Korean side to truce talks, which include

China — a co-signatory to the 1953 pact ending the three-year Korean war — also today appealed to the military armistice commission and the American People's Humanity to allow Im to cross the line.
"How can you dare dampen so mercilessly the ardent desire of coed Im Su-Kyung...?" said Choe Ui-Ung, North Korean chief delegate to talks of the Military Armistice Commission (MAC).
"Your failure to open the door to her passage clearly demonstrated that you Americans have no elementary human obligation and conscience, to say nothing of humanitarianism," Choe said.
Southern delegates to the MAC meeting, led by US Rear Admiral Larry Vogt, again refused to let Im cross, saying that because the Im case was not MAC business they must respect the wishes of the South Korean government.

Nuclear test talks adjourn

GENEVA, Aug 8. (Reuters): US and Soviet officials today came to the end of six weeks of talks on limiting the size of nuclear tests with agreement apparently close.
Chief US negotiator Paul Robinson said shortly before the final meeting this afternoon that good progress had been made and he hoped the two-year talks were "entering the home stretch."
The talks on how to verify compliance with two unratified test ban treaties call for fewer controversial political decisions than the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START), which adjourned yesterday.
The two sides are split on how best to measure the size of nuclear explosions — the US saying its method is the best and the Soviet Union that its way should also be accepted.
"The US side has to react very carefully to the proposals in front of it now," Robinson said in US mission statement.
Once completed, verification protocols would be added to the 1974 Threshold Test Ban Treaty (TTBT) and the 1976 Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty.

Bonn bid to stem emigre flow

Mission shut

EAST BERLIN, Aug 8. (Reuters): West Germany today shut its East Berlin diplomatic mission to stem the flood of people seeking exit visas to the West and to limit damage to its fragile relations with East Germany.
A surge in the number of East Germans taking refuge yesterday forced Bonn to close the mission, equivalent to an embassy, for only the second time since the two German states established diplomatic ties in 1974.
Some 130 East Germans — families, couples and single people — are holed up in the five-story building and a compound annex where they sleep on mattresses.
"There was a lull at the weekend and then a large number came again yesterday. We reached the limit of what is bearable," said mission spokesman Eberhard Grashoff.
A couple of would-be emigres from Meissen, in the south of the country, travelled nearly three hours by train only to find the mission gates firmly closed.
"It's another avenue closed to us. We just can't talk to our authorities about our case," said the dejected man, who has been waiting three years to leave the country.
The mission will remain closed until further notice, a tactic Western diplomats said would give both sides a breathing space to solve the problem. Bonn said talks were continuing.
An increase in East Germans trying to leave the hardline communist state — for economic reasons or out of frustration at the lack of reform — has put relations under new strain.
East Germany's Communist Party daily Neues Deutschland today printed an official statement warning Bonn it could damage ties by allowing East Germans to shelter in the mission and its Prague and Budapest embassies.
"Bonn should not worry about things that do not concern it. Unless, that is, one wants to endanger all the positive results that have been achieved," the statement said.
"The GDR (East Germany) is howling because it knows there is little it can do to thwart these people," said one diplomat.
In Bonn, Rudolf Seiters, a minister in the office of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, said West Germany did not encourage any East Germans to emigrate but had a duty to offer humanitarian aid to those who wanted to.

Small Polish parties fail to back Walesa coalition offer

WARSAW, Aug 8. (Reuters): Two communist-allied political parties refused today to give immediate backing to a proposal by Lech Walesa to form a coalition with Solidarity excluding the communists, but they said they would consider the offer.
The Solidarity chairman's proposal, made yesterday, would group the United Peasants' Party (UPP), the Democratic Party and Solidarity in the first non-communist government in East Europe since the late 1940s.
The Democratic Party said it regretted Walesa had not made his proposal sooner, but did not say if it would accept the offer. The UPP responded coolly to the proposal but said its leaders would continue to discuss the idea.
Prime Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak, a senior communist, has been trying to put together a government since he was appointed on August 2, but his efforts have been stymied by Solidarity's refusal to join in a "grand coalition."
The two small parties have long been loyal to the communists, but their traditional alliance has shown signs of cracking in recent weeks as the Communist Party has begun to dismantle its 45-year monopoly on power.

China lists 'target people'

BEIJING, Aug 8. (Agencies): The Chinese government, facing resistance to an ongoing campaign to crush dissent, has sharpened an investigation of this spring's democracy movement by identifying 20 categories of people as targets for punishment, Chinese sources said today.
The sweeping list was issued in an internal document by the Chinese Communist Party central committee and the State Council, and party members during the past week, the sources said.
The list, in three headings, is aimed at people who led, took part in or supported pro-democracy protests in April and May in Beijing and the uprising ignited when the Chinese Army swept into the city June 3 and brutally suppressed the demonstrators. At least hundreds of people were killed.
Differentiated by severity of offense, it lists 10 "types of people" whom "the government will strike heavily against" for violent or serious crimes, nine types to be disciplined for milder offenses, and a final category of those needing "heightened re-education," which it calls "the majority."

Action
But the sources said some categories are so broad they enable authorities to take action against virtually any of the millions of people who joined in or supported the protests, indicating the leadership's desire to snuff out remaining vestiges of dissent.
The second set includes such vague offenses as "those who had contact with suspicious foreigners," "suspicious people who need further investigation" and "those who spread groundless rumours."
"The meaning behind this is to 'thoroughly uncover and resolutely suppress' any resistance," said a Chinese party member who has seen the internal circular.
However, sources said, the list also reflected an acknowledgement of continued resistance to the government's bid to root out the vast numbers of supporters or sympathisers for the movement.
"Many people are just keeping silent," one Chinese source said.
The older ones went through the Cultural Revolution, and don't want it repeated, and the younger ones just don't care."

Crackdown
Chinese and Western sources estimate tens of thousands of people have been arrested nationwide in the crackdown on pro-democracy students and activists, but the government is also moving in work units to identify and weed out supporters.
The internal document specifies "each work unit must organise a small investigation unit and be responsible in implementing" the identification, similar to "work teams" employed during the massive political purges of the 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution, sources said.
Colleges nationwide have cut by 1,148 the number of high school graduates they will accept from Beijing, an official newspaper reported today, in yet another apparent effort to prevent student unrest.
Meanwhile, more reports of arrests from the spring's seven weeks of student pro-democracy protests trickled into the capital. A report from the Hebei daily, seen in Beijing today, said seven Beijing student leaders and other alleged counter-revolutionaries were arrested in Hebei last month.
The newspaper China Daily quoted Li Huangguo, deputy chief of Beijing's Higher Education Bureau, as saying colleges had adjusted their admissions to compensate for overenrollment in some majors.
However, students do not select their majors, but are assigned to departments regardless of personal preference. A more likely explanation was that out-of-town colleges feared students from Beijing might cause political unrest on their campuses.

'Reds are losing' Aquino sets deadline

MANILA, Aug 8. (AP): President Corason Aquino said today she may wait another year before telling Washington whether she will close US military bases here, but talks on their future could begin by December.
"Our deadline for giving the notice of termination with regard to the US facilities in our military bases will be on Sept 16, 1990," Aquino told reporters. "I have also said that maybe talks (on a new bases treaty) could begin by the end of this year."
Aquino's deadline falls one year before expiration of the agreement under which the United States maintains six bases in the Philippines.
The bases, including Clark Air Base and the Subic Bay Naval Base, are among the largest US military garrisons outside the continental US.
Under the Philippine constitution, any extension of the bases must come under a bilateral treaty subject to approval by two-thirds of the 23-member Senate, where opposition to the installations is strong.

The government said yesterday it was ready to begin talks on a new treaty and would speed up studies on alternative uses of the facilities if they are closed.
Aquino, meanwhile, said today that communist rebels are waging a "deadlier war" to overcome defeats dealt them by government forces.
"We are winning the war for democracy," Aquino said during ceremonies marking the 88th anniversary of the Philippine Constabulary. "We have turned the tide against the communists and their war against democracy."
Aquino said the urban assassination campaign waged by the Communist Party of the Philippines and its armed wing, the New People's Army, has frightened civilians, who are now informing the military of the rebels' presence in their areas.
She said the rebels' loss of popular support had led to the capture of prominent communist leaders, including central committee member Saturnino Ocampo and his common-law wife, Carolina.

Free Obeid: envoy

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in Lebanon. "I was unable to establish exactly when he died. Opinions differ about that."
Asked if he was satisfied with finding showing Higgins was dead, Goulding said, "I have seen the findings of the FBI, who have professional forensic scientists who examined the evidence and reached that conclusion."
Goulding declined comment when asked if he had relayed a message from Hezbollah spiritual leader Sheikh Hussein Mohammed Fadlallah in Beirut.
After an earlier meeting with US Ambassador William Brown, Goulding was asked about reports in the Jerusalem Post that another American hostage in Lebanon, Joseph Cicippio, might be released soon, as a "goodwill gesture."
Goulding said he had no information that this was the case.
Cicippio, who was threatened with death until the US intervened with an international diplomatic offensive, worked at the American University of Beirut. He has been a captive since Sept 12, 1986.
Goulding said he would meet with the UN Secretary-General Wednesday to report on his trip.
Rabin said today's meeting took place at Goulding's request and that he had given the UN official what information Israel had on Higgins.
He said he also described Israel's "moral and practical commitment" to bringing home soldiers missing in action.
We would like to turn our achievement — having Sheikh Obeid in our hands — to an end of the hostage episode for Israelis and Westerners.
Rabin said the next step in the process should be receiving a report on the health of the three missing Israeli servicemen. They are soldiers Yossi Fink and Rahamin Alsheikh, captured Feb 17, 1986, in Israel's "security zone" in southern Lebanon, and Ron Arad, a navigator whose plane went down over southern Lebanon on Oct 16, 1986.
Meanwhile, the White House, turning a cold shoulder to the latest fever from Tehran, said today it would not release frozen Iranian assets to win freedom for American hostages in Lebanon.
"We are not willing to link the Iranian assets question to the hostage question," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said. "That fits within the definition of our policy of not trading arms or money or whatever for hostages, or not paying ransom for hostages."
"I would not dwell on this one because we do not dwell on this one. This has particular problems as it relates to our hostage policy," he told reporters who had asked about a Tehran Times report that Iran was willing to deal over assets frozen by former President Jimmy Carter in 1979 after the seizure of the US embassy and its staff in Tehran.
Washington is reluctant to make any direct swaps with Iran lest it conjure up memories of the

HIGHLIGHTS

Hostages moved to Bekaa valley: Britain's ambassador to Lebanon said yesterday that most Western hostages there may have been moved to the Bekaa valley, a stronghold of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah group in eastern Lebanon.
"The last information we had was that the majority of them had been taken to the Bekaa where there is much less shelling than there is in west Beirut or the southern suburbs," Ambassador John Allan Ramsay told independent Television News.
Hezbollah denies any involvement in hostage-taking, but groups operating under its umbrella are thought to be holding many of the Western hostages.
Interviewed from Beirut, Ramsay said he had reason to believe that the hostages, who include four Britons, were likely to have been taken out of Beirut's way "given their value to their captors" because of heavy shelling in the Lebanese capital. (Reuters)

Mrs Higgins offers supports: The wife of Marine Lt Col William Higgins said yesterday she considers her husband dead, and she offered her support to President George Bush as he tries to resolve the hostage crisis.
Robin Higgins, a Marine Corps major, told reporters that the time had come to tell her husband "we love him and miss him."
"Rich went to Lebanon in the service of the United Nations because he believed he could be useful, that he could help, that he was needed," Mrs Higgins said.
"He wrote in his high school yearbook that his goal was always to make my family proud of me," Mrs Higgins said. "He succeeded."
Mrs Higgins read her statement in the US Defence Department briefing room a day after the FBI said it concluded "within a reasonable degree of medical certainty" that the person depicted in a videotape hanging from a makeshift gallows was Higgins. (AP)

Higgins probably died before: An analysis suggests that American hostage William R. Higgins probably was dead before a body believed his was videotaped hanging from a makeshift gallows, a US official said yesterday.
The FBI, the domestic US intelligence agency, had said Monday the body hanging by a rope very likely was that of Higgins, a Marine lieutenant colonel held captive by Lebanese terrorists since February 1986. But it offered no information about the time or cause of death.
Yesterday, the US official said on condition of anonymity that the results of the videotape "can't confirm that hanging is the cause of death."
Pathologists asked by the FBI to view the videotape did not see physical signs normally associated with a hanging, such as bulging eyes or a protruding tongue, said the official.
At the Defence Department, spokesman Pete Williams said the department was not yet ready to say officially that Higgins was dead and that it had no independent analysis of the tape. (AP)

Tug of war on policy: The emerging tug of war within the Iranian government over its hostage policy was evident yesterday with a newspaper saying Tehran is willing to help, just a day after the interior minister urged Shiite Muslims to continue fighting the United States.
President-elect Rafsanjani said in an inaugural speech last week that Iran was willing to help the US free Western hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon.
But on Monday Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi urged Shiite Muslim groups to continue their struggle against the United States.
Rafsanjani, leader of the so-called pragmatic faction which includes Iranian leader Ali Khamenei, is known to want to build good ties with the West.
Rafsanjani apparently views releasing the hostages as a first step to good relations. His first priority is to rebuild the economy, seriously damaged during the eight-year Gulf war, and ease the daily hardships of Iranian life arising from shortages of almost all consumer goods and runaway inflation.
But Mohtashemi's hardline faction, which includes Prime Minister Hussein Musavi and Ahmad, the son of the late Ayatollah Khomeini, wants the revolution to retain its confrontational edge. (AP)

deal in which President Reagan agreed to send weapons to Iran in return for freedom for US hostages. The secret deal badly eroded Reagan's standing once it became public.
The Tehran Times, in a report clearly intended to convey government policy, said Iran would act to win freedom for American captives once it was assured Washington would return the assets. That appeared to be a softening of Iran's previous insistence that the assets worth up to \$12 billion by Tehran's estimates — must actually be returned before Tehran sought to influence pro-Iranian factions in Lebanon to free the hostages.
In Beirut Shiite leaders again rejected talks today on trading

three Israeli servicemen and the Western hostages for Obeid, while Lebanese press reports said Syria may negotiate on Iran's behalf in the hostage crisis.
"There shall be no contacts and no negotiations as long as Obeid remains in captivity," said Sheikh Sobhi Tofaili, a senior Hezbollah leader in a statement distributed in Beirut.
"This is the party's unshakable conviction and this is what shall do," Tofaili said, adding: "Hezbollah is not concerned with the question of the hostages or the negotiations revolving around it."
Fadlallah, said in a separate statement published by several Beirut newspapers today that Obeid's abduction left "the region poised on a powder keg."

Kibbutz woman shot

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pital said she was slightly wounded by a bullet that passed through the neck.
The attack came on her 25th birthday, and she said afterward on army radio: "I was very, very lucky. I feel just fine."
The woman hostage, Osnat Lev, was a member of an Army unit made up of soldiers who live and work on collective farms.
Army officials said the attacker was apparently deranged, and armed forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron told Army radio he believed the attacker acted on his own and not as part of any Jordanian plan.
"I'm convinced that Jordan still continues to be responsible so that terrorism would not infiltrate from its borders into Israel, in spite of such insane soldiers,"

he said.
A Jordanian announcement identified the soldier as Farid Ali Mustafa and said he abandoned a border observation post on his own.
Armed with a US-made M-16, the man attacked at 11.30 am just outside the fenced Kibbutz, which is only a few miles from the rugged mountains of Jordan. The hostage was rescued after 3 pm by a special anti-terrorist unit, the Army said.
The Kibbutz, an assortment of brown stucco buildings, was founded by American reform Jews in 1983 and has some 80 residents, about one-third US immigrants. It grows vegetables and dates.
Ms Rosen said on the radio that the attacker shouted before opening fire on her, the soldier, and a third woman in a date grove near the Kibbutz. The third woman managed to run away.
"A man in military uniform jumped out from behind one of the trees with his gun, pointed the gun at us and shot one shot," she said.
Speaking on the radio, Ms Lev said the man kept mentioning a dead sister and asked the location of Israeli Army bases that he could attack.
"He said all the time that his sister was killed, and why was she killed, and why I killed her. So I said I did not kill her at all. He said that the Jews killed her and now he comes to kill everybody," said the woman.
A radical Palestinian group said today it had fired two rockets at a settlement in north-east Israel, killing or wounding a number of Israelis.

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Dead mourned

Pro-Iranian Shiite Muslims mourn a Hezbollah fighter, who was killed during the artillery exchange in Beirut. (Reuter wirephoto)

Stabbing killed informer

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 8 (AP): A Palestinian man described as a pro-Israeli collaborator died yesterday of stabbing wounds, bringing to at least 90 the number of Palestinians killed by their brethren for alleged assistance to Israel, Arab journalists said.

In another development, the Jerusalem district court postponed for the third time the manslaughter trial of Rabbi Moshe Levinger, a spiritual leader of Jewish settlers in the West Bank town of Hebron.

Levinger is charged in the death last September of Kayed Salah, 42, a Hebron merchant. Witnesses have said Levinger opened fire after his car was stoned, killing Salah and wounding another Palestinian. Levinger denies the charges.

The court has postponed his trial on July 13 because Levinger failed to show up with a lawyer, and postponed it again yesterday till Aug. 29, after Levinger's lawyer Yakov Nechushtan asked for time to review the case.

Speaking to reporters after the 30-minute session, Levinger claimed he was brought to trial unjustly and that he "acted in accordance with the law. Everyone will see that I did what I had to do."

"The political leaders should be interrogated for their role in not putting down the intifada," or Palestinian uprising, he added. "In particular, (Defence Minister Yitzhak) Rabin should be fired."

In the West Bank town of Bethlehem, residents reported that a man in civilian clothes opened fire from a passing car, seriously wounding 13-year-old Mohammed Jamil Kameel in the head, Israel Radio said.

Heroin on rise

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 8 (AP): Israel's border with Lebanon may be one of the most highly guarded in the world, but heroin smugglers are succeeding where commandos usually fail.

Police yesterday netted seven kgs (15.4 pounds) of heroin in the occupied Gaza strip, a spokesman said.

Last Thursday, a record heroin bust of 21 kgs (46.2 pounds) was made throughout the country in a 19-hour operation, deputy inspector Sander Mazor of the criminal investigation department said.

"Unless an overall, massive effort is made, we will ultimately be facing a drug-abuse problem as bad as that of the United States and Europe," warned deputy inspector Rafi Peled, head of Israel's criminal intelligence division.

In the last two years, Lebanese and Palestinian commandos have made 31 events to penetrate Israel's northern security belt. Only two have succeeded, Army officials said.

But Lebanese drug runners have managed to smuggle increasing amounts of heroin into the country through that same barrier.

"It is hard to close the border to the heroin smugglers. A small amount is easy to hide, and is worth a lot in Israel," Peled said.

You stop, we stop: Soviets

US told to halt supply of arms to mujahedeen

MOSCOW, Aug 8 (Agencies): Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze says the Soviets are ready to stop military aid to Afghanistan if the United States and other countries end assistance to anti-communist rebels fighting the Kabul government.

Shevardnadze made his statement in an interview transmitted yesterday by the official Tass news agency, which also reported that rebel rockets struck the Soviet embassy compound in Kabul, damaging office buildings.

No casualties were reported at the embassy, but Tass said ten people died in rebel shelling elsewhere in the Afghan capital.

"The Soviet Union is prepared to discontinue all military shipments to Afghanistan at any moment on a reciprocal basis," Shevardnadze said.

Political plan Fatah congress

TUNIS, Aug 8 (Reuters): Following are extracts from the political programme adopted by the general congress of Fatah in Tunis (610 words; unofficial Reuters translation from the official Arabic text):

"The Congress ... defines its future goals as follows:

■ On the Palestinian front:

■ The question of Palestine is the core of the Arab-Zionist struggle

■ Decisive commitment to the inalienable national rights of our Palestinian Arab people in its homeland Palestine, including its right to return, to determine its fate without outside interference and to set up its independent state with occupied Jerusalem as its capital.

■ Affirmation of the unity of the Palestinian Arab people inside and outside Palestine and that the PLO brings them together as the leader of their struggle and their sole legitimate representative.

■ The Congress ... affirms the historic importance of the decisions of the 19th session of the Palestine National Council (in Algiers in November 1988), especially the proclamation of independence, and ... gives the central committee of the movement a mandate to work on all levels to put these decisions into practice.

■ Continuing to intensify and escalate armed action and all forms of struggle to eliminate the Zionist Israeli occupation of our occupied Palestinian land and ensure the right of our people to freedom and independence.

■ Escalation of the popular uprising which aims to end the Zionist Israeli occupation.

■ Rejection of and resistance to the autonomy plan and other plans designed to legitimise the Zionist settler occupation.

■ The Fatah Congress rejects the Shamir plan for elections and affirms that any elections inside our occupied land must take place in a free and democratic atmosphere under international supervision after the withdrawal of Israeli forces and that the elections must be part of an integral programme for a final settlement.

■ Affirms the right of the PLO to take part independently and on an equal footing with other parties in all conferences and international efforts on the question of Palestine and the Arab-Zionist conflict.

■ To continue dialogue with Israeli democratic forces which rejects the occupation and sup-



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port the inalienable national rights of our people ... and recognise the PLO

■ On the Arab front:

■ Call on the Arab states to adhere and carry out all (Arab summit) resolutions and especially to fulfil the financial obligations they assumed

■ To respect the right of the Palestinian revolution to perform its tasks across any Arab land

■ Call on the Arab states, and especially the confrontation states, to unite their forces and mobilise their masses to confront Israeli aggression

■ On the international front:

■ Commitment to an effective international conference with full powers for peace in the Middle East, to convene on the basis of international legitimacy under the supervision and auspices of the United Nations and with the participation of the five permanent member states of the security council and the parties concerned, including the PLO on an equal footing and with the same rights as the other parties

■ The Congress affirms ... the right of all oppressed peoples under occupation to use all forms of struggle for their liberation and national independence

■ The Congress calls on the United States to recognise the right of the Palestinian people to determine its fate and set up its independent state, to abandon its policy of bias in favour of Israel, stop the unlimited support which it gives to it ... The Congress calls on the United States to agree to convene the international Middle East peace conference as soon as possible ... The Congress similarly asks the United States to repeal all the laws and legislation hostile to the PLO which the US Congress has passed so its dialogue with us can reach positive results."

Since Soviet forces completed a nine-month withdrawal from Afghanistan in February, Washington has said that it will not stop sending weapons to the country's Muslim rebel forces until Moscow cuts off military aid to the government of President Najibullah.

Shevardnadze's statement to the official Afghan news agency Bakhtar, made during an unannounced visit to Afghanistan on Sunday, represented an apparent shift from the Soviets' long-standing insistence that Moscow has the right to continue military assistance to Kabul as a sovereign government.

Rebel shelling of the Afghan capital of two million people has intensified in the past three days.

Huge explosions rocked Kabul tonight after what appeared to be a rebel-fired rocket made a direct hit on an Army ammunition depot, sending flames roaring into the sky.

It was not immediately clear what started the explosions or if anyone was killed.

Shortly before the first wave of explosions, four rockets landed near the Khair Khana military ammunition depot at the foot of the hills in the northern part of the Afghan capital.

Tass quoted the Bakhtar agency as reporting that missiles also struck the luxury Intercontinental Hotel yesterday, "inflicting heavy damage."

"As many as 38 surface-to-surface rockets were fired at the city," Tass said. "Eight people were killed and 18 were wounded."

A Soviet Foreign Ministry statement in Moscow warned yesterday that "people in the Soviet Union are outraged by the criminal actions of the Afghan mercenaries."

In the Bakhtar interview from Kabul, Shevardnadze lambasted the United States for its support for the Afghan anti-communist guerrillas.

Shevardnadze, who also unannounced a visit to Tehran last week, praised the "quite positive stand of Iran" on Afghanistan.

Shevardnadze said Iran supports the establishment of "a representative government reflecting the entire political spectrum of Afghanistan," Tass reported.

A radical Afghan rebel group denounced Iran today for its rapprochement with the Soviet Union, saying Tehran was now opposing Islamic revolution in Afghanistan.

Pilot dodges bullets

On board the Santa Maria

JOUNIEH, Lebanon, Aug 8 (Reuters): "When I close my eyes I still see both children thrashing in the water and drown."

Caesar Aki Aki, 25, is the Lebanese pilot on the Santa Maria, a high-speed 37-metre (yard) vessel that dodges Syrian guns to keep the sea lane open to Lebanon's beleaguered Christian enclave.

Three nights ago the Santa Maria had a narrow escape. But two sisters, aged one and two, were not so lucky.

"We were taking passengers on board when the shelling started," Aki told Reuters during a mid-night run from Cyprus to this Christian-held port north of Beirut.

"We headed away from the dock immediately and waited in the bay for the remaining 12 passengers and their luggage to be transferred by fishing boat."

A salvo of 12mm rockets bracketed the fishing boat, turning it over and throwing passengers into the Mediterranean.

Aki and other members of Santa Maria's crew leaped into the water with life jackets.

"I saw a man and two children. They couldn't

swim. The man grabbed me in panic but I managed to break his grasp and pull him in. Then I went back for the children, but they were gone."

Two-year-old Roubia Azar died in hospital. The body of 12-month-old Maya was washed ashore.

They were just two more victims in five months of shelling pitting forces in the Christian enclave against Syria and its Lebanese allies. More than 500 people have been killed.

The Santa Maria's bearded captain is Asbjorn Sundsjord, 54, from Trondheim in Norway, who went to sea as a deckhand aged 14 on a coastal freighter and spent the eight years of the Iran-Iraq war skipping a tanker up and down the coast of the Gulf.

He says he does the job from a sense of adventure and a belief that people should be able to move freely in and out of Lebanon.

"I'm not a Christian nor a Muslim and don't take sides," he says. "They are trying very hard to shell us. I don't know why. We've had shells and rockets coming in five metres (yards) from the ship."

Lull in Beirut shelling terror

BEIRUT, Aug 8 (Agencies): An uneasy calm prevailed today in Beirut amid reports that Syria was preparing for a war of attrition against Gen. Michel Aoun's Christian forces.

Five months of artillery battles between Aoun's 20,000 troops and the 40,000 Syrian soldiers in Lebanon have left 567 killed and 1,322 wounded by police count.

It also has emptied the capital of all but 200,000 of its 1.5 million residents who fled abroad or to safer areas of the country.

A police spokesman said tension was high in the Syrian-Christian battle zones in the capital and nearby mountains, but no major clashes were reported.

An Nahar said Syria has "decided to fight a war of attrition in Lebanon to achieve its aims of taming the Christian camp," the daily said.

The paper said Syrian officials informed their leftist and Muslim allies in Lebanon that President Hafez Assad's government "will not accept any dialogue with Gen. Aoun under any circumstances."

An Nahar, citing information received by unnamed officials, said Syria might try later this month to "storm through" the 310-square-mile (800-square-kilometre) Christian enclave north-east of the capital in an effort to topple Aoun.

Sources at Muslim Druze leader Walid Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party militia claimed Christians were considering an attack on Syrian-controlled territory.

PSP and Syrian forces, according to the source, were on "maximum alert" in West Beirut and the Druze towns and villages facing Aoun's lines in mountains southeast of Beirut.

Political deadlock was reached more than a week ago when a three-member Arab League committee said its two-month Lebanon mediation effort arrived at "an impasse" because of Syrian resistance.

The foreign ministers of Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Algeria were shuttling between Beirut and Damascus for peace talks after their leaders agreed at an Arab League summit May 26 to work out a peace plan by November.

But ceasefire calls by King Hassan of Morocco, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid have been ignored.

US ambassador to Lebanon John McCarthy, talking to reporters after a 45-minute meeting with Aoun, said President George Bush's administration has urged the three Arab leaders to pursue their efforts on Lebanon.

Lebanese emerged from bomb shelters today during a respite in the week of shelling, resuming disrupted lives that could be cut short at any minute.

Streets were clogged with traffic on both sides of divided Beirut as residents flocked to shops and banks to lay in food and cash in preparation for an expected resumption in fighting.

Last night was the first night of calm in a week of some of the heaviest artillery and rocket duels.



Cheney stands with Taleb during the playing of the national anthem at the Pentagon Monday in Washington. (Reuter wirephoto)

Cheney will visit Cairo

US-Egypt partnership

WASHINGTON, Aug 8 (Agencies): Defence Secretary Dick Cheney said after a meeting with Egyptian Defence Minister Youssef Sabri Abu Taleb yesterday that he planned to visit Egypt early next year.

"We haven't set a specific date yet," Cheney told reporters. "But the timeframe would be January, February."

Cheney said he planned to begin travelling abroad at the end of this year but did not say what other countries he would visit.

He said he expected to strengthen military co-operation with Egypt because "a militarily strong, politically stable Egypt is critical to our efforts in the search for this elusive (Middle East) peace."

Abu Taleb said he and Cheney discussed co-operation on several projects, including Egyptian purchase of US F-16 fighter planes and US-Egyptian co-production of M-1A1 tanks.

He said he would announce details later. When asked specifically about the F-16, he said only: "It (is) on schedule also. There is an agreement about this. As for timing and as for other details, I believe we will leave it for the moment."

Abu Taleb was asked about Egyptian co-operation in Argentina's development of a Condor missile but he said he did not have details on that programme.

He added, however, that he told Cheney "we are against all

mass destruction weapons — nuclear, chemical, also missiles, long-range missiles, and we are ready to discuss everything in detail."

In a move that caught many off guard, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak named Abu Taleb defence minister and commander-in-chief of the armed forces last April, replacing Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala, who had been in office for more than eight years.

The main purpose of Abu Taleb's visit to the United States, the first since he was appointed defence minister, was to get acquainted with key Bush administration officials.

Egypt reportedly wants Washington to write off its military debts, estimated at about \$5 billion, but the official did not mention the subject to reporters.

In his statement to newsmen, Abu Taleb also spoke highly about the Egyptian-US partnership, "which has been one of the pillars of stability in the Middle East for 14 years."

He added, "our partnership is marked by friendship, co-operation, and trust ... it is built on shared values and objectives."

■ Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Boutros Ghali will leave tomorrow on a six-nation African tour focusing on economic problems, Egyptian Foreign Ministry sources said.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Security measures

JEDDAH, Aug 8 (KUNA): Interior Ministries of Saudi Arabia and North Yemen issued a joint statement here late last night on new measures to facilitate the movement of the citizens between the two neighbouring countries as stipulated by the common interest.

"In continuation of studies and discussions under way between Prince Naif bin Abdulaziz, the Saudi minister of the interior and his North Yemeni counterpart, Dr. Abdullah Hussein Barakat within the framework of the joint security co-operation it was decided that transference of citizens between the two countries would be confined only to the following checkpoints:

Firstly, Al-Tawal and Haradh for the western side.

Secondly, Al-Khadhra and Al-Baqa for the eastern side, the statement said.

Bashir assures US

KHARTOUM, Aug 8 (Reuters): Sudanese military leader General Omar Hassan Al Bashir assured the United States yesterday that his government was keen to find a comprehensive settlement to the six-year civil war in the south.

State television said Bashir also explained to visiting US Assistant Secretary of State Herman Cohen why he led the June 30 coup that toppled Prime Minister Sadeq Al-Mahdi's three-year civilian government.

"A democracy that does not feed the people does not deserve to exist," Bashir was quoted as telling Cohen, whose visit was the first high-level contact between Khartoum and Washington since the coup.

Speaking to reporters after their meeting, Bashir said Cohen told him that it was evident to the US government that Mahdi had been unable to solve the country's problems.

Landmines planted

ATHENS, Aug 8 (UPI): Iran, which executes drug dealers and sends addicts to labour camps to be "cured," has planted landmines and strung barbed wire along parts of its border with Pakistan and Afghanistan to deter drug smuggling, Tehran Radio said yesterday.

Mokhtar Kalantari, a high-ranking Revolutionary Guards commander in charge of what the government calls its anti-drug campaign, told reporters in Tehran the new measures were needed to stop convoys of drug-smuggling vehicles from crossing vulnerable points of Iran's southeastern borders.

The obstacles were set up between guard stations along a recently built border highway, Kalantari said in a Tehran Radio dispatch monitored in Athens.

Drug rings smashed
NICOSIA, Aug 8 (Reuters): Iranian police said today they had smashed 53 drug rings, arrested 6,668 smugglers and dealers and seized more than 10 tonnes of drugs, two-thirds of its opium, over the past six months.

Mokhtar Kalantari, quoted by the Iranian news agency IRNA received in Cyprus, said Afghans were heavily involved in smuggling drugs into Iran across its eastern borders with Afghanistan and Pakistan.

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23 prison hunger strikers in Turkey in serious condition

ANKARA, Aug 8 (Reuters): Twenty-three hunger striking prisoners were in serious condition today after refusing treatment in a protest that has knocked Turkey's already poor human rights image.

A leading Turkish human rights activist urged doctors to force-feed the 23 to save their lives.

Some 2,000 prisoners are refusing food to protest over restrictions in 12 civilian jails in Turkey. Most are Kurds and left-

ists. The numbers rose sharply after two convicted Kurdish rebels died in Eskisehir jail, west of Ankara, last Wednesday. They had fasted 35 days.

"If hunger strikers do not accept treatment they will die. What can we do?" Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal told reporters late yesterday.

"These incidents are provoked from outside. There are people who fuel these incidents and we end up with deaths," he said.

A doctor at Aydin State Hospital in western Turkey, where the 23 were taken from a local jail on Sunday, said: "Two of the hunger strikers are approaching the critical line. We will have to forcibly give them serum to save their lives."

"The other 21 are in serious condition. All are refusing treatment and examinations. We can only take their blood pressures if we manage to persuade them," he told Reuters.

Akin Birdal, general secretary of Turkey's Human Rights Association, said: "They are under the protection of the state. They should be forcibly treated if necessary."

"The state is obliged to protect their right to live," he told Reuters.

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KUWAIT/GULF

Infectious diseases in Kuwait under control

Health awareness a priority

INFECTIOUS waves of diseases that taxed the capabilities of medical authorities and professionals in Kuwait are now relegated to history and deaths caused by infectious diseases rank ninth as a cause of death, Dr Abdul Aziz Al Enizi, director of the Infectious Diseases Hospital said.

The percentage of deaths among newly born infants presently stands at 16.8 per 1,000 babies which is far less than the figures of some advanced countries. Enhanced medical facilities, vaccination campaigns, health awareness and the con-

tinued priority accorded by the state in relation to health are all contributory factors to the reduction in the percentage of deaths due to infectious diseases, the official said.

Elucidating, the official said that not a single case of poliomyelitis has been reported in Kuwait since 1987. Only two isolated cases of diphtheria were reported and no cases of tetanus have been recorded among children. However, it has been reported that one adult was reported to have been diagnosed as having this ail-

ment. Since 1987, 114 cases of whooping cough have been reported. Measles have been under control, the official said and added that health authorities had in 1987 expected an infectious wave of this disease, but only 428 cases were reported.

Enizi disclosed that there are four Kuwaiti nationals infected with leprosy and are being treated at the Infectious Diseases Hospital since the sixties. Cases of diarrhoea are still being reported in large numbers — especially amongst children. In 1987, a total of 3,429 cases were

reported compared to 4,432 in 1986, the official said.

Health services are accorded top priority by the State of Kuwait and no effort is spared to provide state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. The extent of this support is evidenced by the fact that the state is now hard pressed to continue with the policy of indiscriminate use of medicines, professional medical services and facilities.

Earlier, 36 Chinese workers were discharged after being treated for typhoid.



Fire investigation

The criminal laboratory of the Interior Ministry will shortly complete its report on the causes of the fire that broke out Sunday at a paper factory in Mina Abdullah. 25 fire engines worked overnight to put out the fire. Damage is estimated at over KD500,000. Picture above shows the extent of damage.

UAE electricity

Joint efforts to increase output

ABU DHABI, Aug 8. (OPECNA): Demand for electricity in the United Arab Emirates has risen substantially since the 1970s due to rapid population growth coupled with an ever improving standard of living.

The boom in manufacturing industries has also placed an additional burden on electricity supplies, with annual average consumption during 1978-85 reaching 18.93 per cent of the country's total energy needs.

As a result, substantial investments have been made in developing UAE power plants through joint efforts by individual emirates and the Federal Ministry of Water and Electricity.

Currently, the UAE is capable of producing around 3,850 MW of electricity. About 86 per cent of this amount belongs to local power stations in individual emirates, while the remainder is produced by generators belonging to the ministry, which also owns and supervises a large number of smaller capacity power plants throughout the country.

Abu Dhabi controls the largest capacity, representing 43 per cent of the country's total electricity generation, with Dubai, Sharjah and Ras Al Khaimah each accounting for 25 per cent, 16 per cent and two per cent respectively.

The ministry runs 14 power plants with a total capacity of 513.9 mw. The largest of these is located in Ajman (101 mw), followed by Masfout (81.5 mw), New Qadfa (80 mw), Ghailah (67.2 mw), Umm Al Quwain (54.6 mw) and Al Nakheel (50 mw). Other plants, all with capacities less than 50 mw, include Falaj Al Mualla, Dhaid, Al Manamah, Masafi, Fujairah, Old Qadfa and Dibba.

Additional capacity is currently being provided at Taweela in Abu Dhabi (400 mw) and Jebel Ali in Dubai (250 mw). Completion of these projects will bring the country self-sufficiency in electric energy.

The UAE relies mainly on gas and fuel oil as sources of electric power. Electricity is produced by gas and steam turbines, diesel generators and solar systems, which although not yet economic on a large scale, are climatically bound to have significant future potential.

No shortage of teachers

THE Minister of Education Anwar Al Nouri has said that the total number of teaching staff for the new academic year is over 27,000, and that currently there is no shortage of teachers.

He said that the ministry is preparing for the start of the new academic year, and that there is

no intention to impose charges on students this year.

He said that the concept of diversifying secondary education is accorded top attention, stressing the need for all summer clubs to diversify their activity programmes to develop their functional performance.

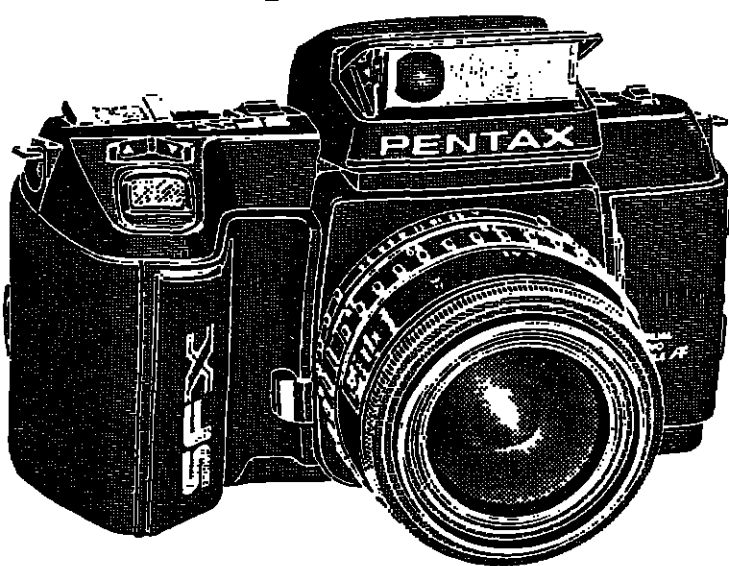
EVENTS

Pentax's latest production

The Pentax SF3N, represents the latest upgrades in the pioneering Pentax SFX, which featured the world's first retractable TTL auto-flash unit.

The SF3N's extremely fast and accurate auto-focus system and sophisticated Programmed AE modes set the photographer free from complicated focus and exposure adjustments. The SF3N can focus on a subject in less than 0.3 seconds and it has auto-focus modes for single or servo shooting. Six programmed AE modes are provided to high-light action, depth, or normal subjects in automatically selected mode, standard or tele sub-modes.

A convenient built-in RTF (retractable TTL Auto flash) provides additional illumination whenever needed and the AF camera's AF System even in total darkness.



Other conveniences include auto exposure bracketing, 1/4000-second shutter speed, multi-frame self timer and auto

film winding. Pentax is marketed in Kuwait by Boushahri Color Film Co.

New appointment

Antoine Sayegh has been appointed as the new resident manager at the Kuwait International Hotel. Originally from Lebanon, Sayegh brings with him years of experience from top hotels in London. He started his career in the hotel industry after having completed Hotel Management courses at Middlesex Polytechnic and Oxford Polytechnic in England. In London he worked at the Carlton Towers (Sonesta chain), Grosvenor House Hotel (Trust Houses Forte), London Hilton and the Swiss Cottage Holiday Inn. During 1987-88 he worked as Resident Manager at the Messilah Beach. His last position was as assistant general manager at the Sharjah Grand Hotel.



Kuwait and looks forward to exciting days ahead in the hotel industry.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Hafez Pharmacy
Salah Al Deen Street, Wajir Souq
Tala Pharmacy
Al Hilali Street, opp. to the Ministry of Education
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Qatani Pharmacy
Nagra, Beirut Street
Salmiya and Rumaythiya

Seema Pharmacy
Baghdad Street, Property of Al Roumi
Fahad and Ahmad
Borqan Pharmacy
Fahad, Al Sabah Market, Property of Rashed Al Roumi
Jleeb Al Shoyoukh
Al Ayoub Pharmacy
Shoyoukh Commercial Market Complex, Property of Mohammed Abdul Rahman Jabra
Al Khaled Pharmacy
Opp. to Jahra Co-op.

CINEMA

Drive-In
Arabic film
Al Andalus
Reel Scorpion
Al Salmiya
Revenge of the Nerds II

Al Hamra
Ultimate Force

Firdous
Meri Zabaan

Fahad Open-air
Shriman Shrimati

Al Fahad
Arabic film

Al Jahra
Bruce Lee in New Guinea

Granada
Arabic film

Al Sulaibikhat
Stealing Home

Al Jleeb
Bat Boy

Ahmad Drive-In
Arabic film

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.46 am
Zuhr	11.54 am
Asr	3.29 pm
Maghreb	6.34 pm
Isha	7.58 pm

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and variety
9.30 Iftah Ya Simsim: Children's cultural programme
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Mahlan Ayoha Al Omr:
11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and variety
11.15 Naseeb: local serial (Part 1)
12.15 Sabah Al Khair News and variety
12.30 Hiwar Wa Nagham: variety programme
1.00 News summary
1.05 The World Today via Satellite
1.30 Sport Billy: cartoon serial
2.00 Variety
2.15 Al Mehraz Wa Elboor: Arabic serial (Part 4)
3.00 Mawqif Wa Khotab: Religious programme
3.30 Billers: cartoon serial
4.00 Football match: Russia vs. Belgium, the World Cup 1986
6.00 Lila Min Alf Lila:
6.30 Night chemists, airlines
7.00 The World About Us:
8.00 Variety
8.30 Cultural film
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Al Motassaloon: Daily Arabic serial (Part 5)
10.45 Mahakem Billa Sojoun:
12.00 News Summary
12.05 The World Today via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran and Closedown

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN SAT - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Kalpak exhibition
SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian Embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Independents ball
AUGUST 17: At the Messila Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

KALPAK's exhibition
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Breeze '89
OCT 26: Tivim Centre's — Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

Fiesta Filipiniana
UNDER the auspices of the Philippine Cultural Club, under the competent leadership of Buddy Patungon, proudly announces to its clamouring fans the comeback of "Fiesta Filipiniana '89" with the original cast at its original venue — where else, but at the spacious elegantly-fit Al Jahra Ballroom of the Meridian Hotel. Play day is set on Friday

Oil did not alter traditions: Tarrah

Modernisation main factor

THE generally accepted statement that the discovery of oil in Kuwait is the primary reason for social changes and new forms of a way in life entering the traditional Kuwaiti values, has been rebutted by Kuwaiti Academicist Dr Ali Al Tarrah.

Discussing on the effects of the returns from oil on the Kuwaiti family in general, Tarrah in a research conducted by him said that every society in history carried elements of change and tailoring their respective values to be pragmatic with developments. Kuwait is no exception, but oil did add an element in propelling this change at a quicker pace which has led to the rapid appearance of some social and economic problems and diseases.

Heritage

However, the official in his research stressed that these changes in the frame of the Kuwaiti and Arab family should not be construed as a collapse in social relations. Changes do not reflect or should not be intended to be mistakes committed against heritage or the upkeep of higher social values.

Tarrah said that the structural geology of the region of societies that now depend on oil returns were from the poorest societies before the discovery of oil in

these countries. These countries, including Kuwaiti society were compelled to eke out a hard living, make do with very limited financial resources and this reflected on the nature of the social life in Kuwait.

Power

Accordingly, we noticed strong social relations among members of one family, the mantle of authority and respect being accorded to the elders in the family. The grand family was the dominant type of families in the past and served to preserve strong family and economic ties, the academicist said. Power was delegated in the hands of the sponsor of the family. Marriages among relatives was paramount from an economic point of view, particularly when members of the family were engaged in undertaking economic business activities, the official added.

Women

Women in Kuwaiti society in the past (before the discovery of oil) had a low social status — although they did work on some occasions. They were restricted by a number of social restrictions.

An Arab proverb enjoins us to "seek knowledge even though you have to go to China to find it" but we also have to learn wisdom. Although the modern

Kuwaiti is proud of his culture and absorbed with his past, he is also pragmatic and would expect that ideal changes will contribute to an improvement in his quality of life.

An understanding of these qualitative changes will contribute to an improvement in the quality of the individual life of the Kuwaiti citizen.

Status

Acceptance of this fact, in the present age has completely changed the status of Kuwaiti women and developed according to the social and economic developments due to the spread of education and an increase in job opportunities.

Rapid changes, though, bring in their wake some unaccounted for obstacles such as the problems of youth. The present problems of youth were unknown to Kuwaiti society in the past. This requires a change of attitude to understand the demands of youth, their need to adapt to social and educational changes and the break-down in the traditional gap between fathers and their children.

The academicist said that these issues are being tackled on a priority basis and just as Kuwaiti society has assimilated the better quality of a change in society, they will surely overcome these inherent problems.

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Optimum level performance at NCMC

Computer training for civil servants

DIRECTOR of the Training Department at the National Computers and Microfilm Centre (NCMC) Abdul Latif Hamed Al Nami has said that the centre is determined to develop its performance to an optimum level to keep abreast with high international standards.

Programmes

He told a local daily that the majority of beneficiaries from training courses organ-

ised by the department were staff from the Ministry of Planning and different government agencies.

The NCMC offered two training programmes each year, each lasting six months and contains four orientation courses in the field of computers and microfilm. These courses are designed to meet the requirements of ministries and government agencies.

He added that 998 trainees graduated

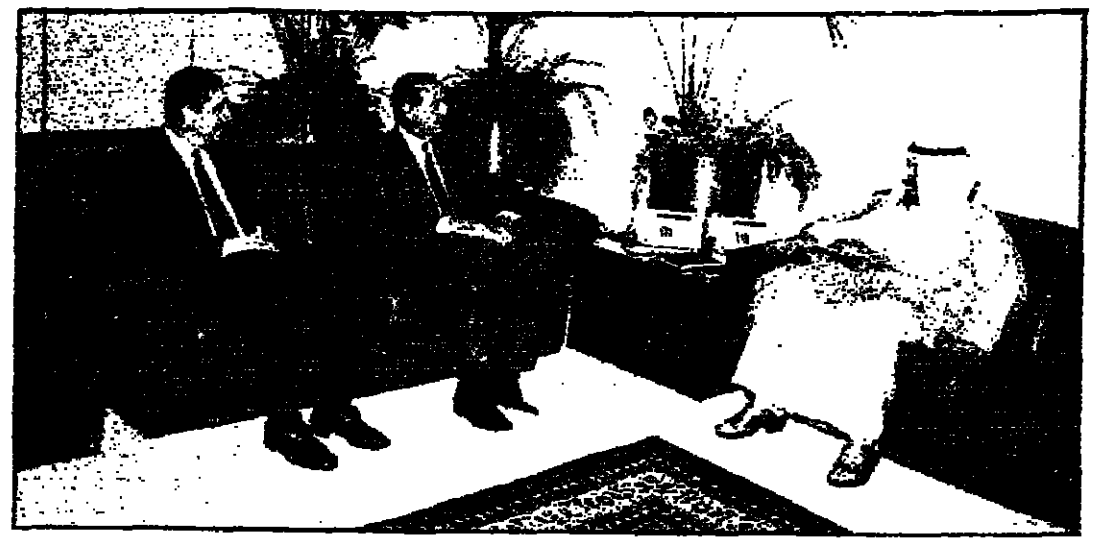
from the NCMC last, and that the Kuwaitis formed 60 per cent of the total staff. The majority of lecturers were Kuwaitis too.

The central function of the NCMC is to prepare national cadres, cultivate their technical and professional skills and optimise their performance to attain self-reliance.

The department selects the ideal trainee for the appropriate course. The courses

organised cover the fields of computer programming, analysis and operations. Beneficiaries are chosen from various categories of staff for training in diversified disciplines.

The department has offered 16,000 trainees different orientation courses since its establishment up to the end of last year, and all these trainees provide their expertise to meet the requirements of the various workites, the official said.



Jordanian Premier Zeid Bin Shaker and Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem with HH the Amir yesterday.

Shaker arrives on short working visit

Official talks held

KUWAIT, Aug. 8. (Agencies): Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Bin Shaker arrived here today for talks on Jordan's troubled economy. Shaker delivered a letter to HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah from King Hussein Bin Talal at 11 am this morning. The contents of the letter were not disclosed.

Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem and other senior aides accompanied the Jordanian premier on the "short working visit."

"The premier will discuss with our Kuwaiti brethren Jordan's economic and financial status," a Jordanian official said prior to Shaker's arrival here. The official hinted that Jordan might get additional financial aid from Kuwait to help reduce its \$8.3 billion foreign debt.

Official talks were held later, focusing on pressing Arab and mutual issues as well as the brotherly bilateral ties and ways of boosting them in various domains.

The talks, which took place at the Crown Prince and Premier's Diwan at the Bayan Palace, were co-chaired by Kuwaiti Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad and visiting Jordanian Premier Zeid Bin Shaker.

Present from the Kuwaiti side at the talks were Planning Mini-

ster and Acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Trade and Industry Minister and Acting Finance Minister, Faisal Al Khalid.

Secretary of HH the Crown Prince and Premier's Diwan Abdulatif Al Bahar, Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Al Shaheen, Kuwait's Ambassador to Jordan Sulaiman Al Fassam and Plenipotentiary Minister at the Foreign Ministry Faisal Al Mashaan, also attended the discussions.

Present on the Jordanian side were Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qassem, the kingdom's Ambassador to Kuwait Nabeel Al Talhoni and director of Bin Shaker's office Aktham Kasos.

Aid
After the April price riots, Kuwait gave Jordan \$80 million — \$40 million in cash and the rest in crude oil.

On Saturday, Saudi Arabia granted Jordan \$200 million in aid and pledged to direct more foreign currency to Jordanian banks to help boost foreign exchange reserves.

Iraq came up with \$20 million in addition to the \$20 million it pays monthly towards its more than \$835 million debt to Jordan.

Qatar and the United Arab Emirates have "expressed willin-

ness" to grant Jordan more aid. Jordanian Central Bank Governor Mohammed Said Nabulsi and other top financial aides are in the UAE for economic talks.

Financial experts say the Arab funds have helped stabilise the Jordanian dinar.

Jordanian government officials told Reuters this week that Amman, rescheduling part of its \$8 billion dollar foreign debt, was seeking two kinds of Arab aid over the next four years.

Grants
They said Jordan wanted Arab aid through direct grants and an interest free-deposit while it implements an economic reform programme agreed with the International Monetary Fund.

They said the target of the deposit, a contribution from some Arab countries on which Jordan need pay no interest but which it could place at other banks and use the interest paid by them to boost its foreign exchange was between \$500 million to one billion dollars.

The Jordanian dinar firmed against the US dollar on the free market in recent days after the central bank pumped in \$25 million Sunday to help stabilise the Jordanian currency.

The dinar was trading at 818 fils following the central bank intervention. There are 1000 fils to the dinar.

Public should contribute to costs

Upward trend at ports: Mazidi

By Hussain Salameh

STATE Minister for Services Affairs, Issa Al Mazidi said he supports imposing charges on the public against the various public services. He said that the charges should be imposed in order to make citizens and expatriates contribute to the costs of these services. In an exclusive interview with Seyasah/Arab Times, Mazidi said that the decision of the Council of Ministers to unify customs tariffs at both Shuwaikh and Shuaiba ports, comes as a first step to unify charges at all ports and other utilities. He said that the development in transport services play an important role in improving the local economic situation. He added that the insurance charges on ships coming to the Gulf waters have dropped a little and not to the required level. He praised the efforts which have been exerted to develop Kuwaiti ports, which will help trade in general and the transit and re-export trades in particular.

Mazidi said the Gulf waters have become secure after the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war, adding that no incident was reported during the past year on any ship, which gave marine navigation and ships more confidence and security. He said that these conditions have helped increase the navigation movement to Kuwait and other ports as the number of ships that used Kuwaiti ports and its loads, increased remarkably. He said that the ports activities in Kuwait have started its upward trend, hoping that it will return to its activity that prevailed before the Iraq-Iran war in 1980.

The minister stressed that the transit and re-export trade has also increased in the period after the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran.

Many of the Kuwaiti merchants are now involved in the re-export trade as they import

goods from the countries of origin and re-export it to other countries in the region. Mazidi said that the transportation trade is contributing greatly to the revival of the Kuwaiti economy, which witnessed a state of recession particularly in the last few years of the war. He added that the ports authorities in Kuwait utilised the war period to carry out a number of developments in the ports to prepare them for the post war period. He said that a number of expansion projects were carried out and all the administrative departments of the ports authority will be gathered in a huge complex due to be completed at the beginning of next year. He said that these measures have greatly facilitated the trade movement to Kuwait.

Technology
He said that the ministry is always keen to introduce new methods and technology in Kuwaiti ports. He added that Kuwait is co-ordinating with ports authorities in the rest of the GCC states in order to unify methods of work and in exchanging information and training.

He said that this co-ordination will push forward the transportation movement in the Gulf region. He announced that the computer has been introduced to Shuwaikh Port to facilitate all procedures. Computers will also be introduced to carry out all administrative and financial work at the Ports Authority.

Mazidi said.
He said that there are other plans to improve the ports services in the near future, stressing that introducing modern equipment will be given top priority. He praised the efforts taken by the civil aviation authorities to meet the summer rush. He added that all preparations have been taken to facilitate the travel of a large number of people. The same preparations will await those who will return next month, Mazidi said that the Services Ministry is also concerned with the state's administrative reforms policies.

But he stressed that it should not be understood that administrative reforms should mean changing persons. He added that these reforms should stress more on improving the capabilities of employees and it can also be achieved through rotation of senior officials in the establishments.

Mazidi added that after the ceasefire in the Gulf war we have negotiated with the main international insurance companies and urged them to reduce their insurance charges on ships. He said that although they have reduced the charges in a good proportion it did not go according to our hopes. He expressed hope that all the effects of war will be settled and that stability and security will prevail in the region and that every thing returns to the pre-war era.



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Kuwait to negotiate

Repatriation of Bulgarian Muslims main aim: Gabid

By Youssef Alawna

DR Hamid Al Gabid, Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) has said that the undersecretary of Kuwait's Foreign Ministry Sulaiman Majid Al Shaheen accompanied him on two visits to Turkey and Bulgaria.

These visits resulted from the directives of HH the Amir in his capacity as Chairman of the OIC who believes that the best way to solve the dispute between Turkey and Bulgaria on the issue of the Muslim minority in Bulgaria is to have the two countries meet with each other.

During these visits, two messages were handed over from HH the Amir to the presidents of Turkey and Bulgaria respectively.

The delegation has submitted a report on their visits to HH the Amir and added that the two parties in the dispute welcomed the delegation and expressed their readiness to begin talks and negotiations. However, the report indicated that the two parties still have differing views on the agenda for a meeting. The OIC, however, is exerting every effort to bring about negotiations through Kuwait.

The official added that all parties place a high level of confidence and trust in the wisdom of Kuwait Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad who has excellent relations with foreign ministers of the two countries as also senior officials.

He went on to say that he had met with the Muslim Mufti in Bulgaria at the airport. He also visited an area for Bulgarian Muslims in Turkey but was unable to do the same in Bulgaria.

On the issue of the role of OIC in protecting the Muslim minorities receiving substandard treatment in many world countries, Gabid said that the majority of such minorities are



Gabid... directives

located in countries that are not signatories to the OIC. Thus, we are restricted in our endeavours to intervene in their internal affairs.

He added that on several occasions, the OIC has tried to assist Muslim minorities through direct political negotiations with concerned governments and also through contacts with the Muslim minorities themselves. More often than not, these efforts have proved successful, he said and stressed that the OIC will continue this policy to support the Muslim minorities to ensure that every opportunity is provided them to practice their religion and cultural traditions freely.

The official went on to state that the aim of the ongoing efforts between Turkey and Bulgaria is to facilitate the Bulgarian Muslims of Turkish origin who left Bulgaria to return. "We intend to solve the problem of Muslim refugees in Turkey and

to arrive at a solution that will guarantee that Muslims return to Bulgaria and also ensure better treatment that would allow them to practice their Islamic rituals freely," Gabid said.

Continuing, he added that we consider the Bulgarian Muslim minority as Turkish Muslims as they are Bulgarians of Turkish origin. They have been subjected to oppression through being unable to practice their religion rituals and preserve their own distinguished culture. They have also been subjected to change their Turkish-Islamic names and further an attempt has been made to suppress their own Turkish language. They have also been prevented from carrying out circumcision. Although, Turkey is a secular country, it is an active member of the OIC. Though, Bulgaria is a communist country, it should respect the rights of its Muslim minority. After perestroika was adopted in communist countries, most now respect the rights of minorities.

As per the directives of HH the Amir who is the chairman of the OIC, the organisation has been trying to solve the dispute between Senegal and Mauritania, both OIC members. Two delegations were sent to both countries. However, there is no magic stick to solve disputes and the issue needs careful study. About the Sixth Islamic Summit, Gabid said that it will be held in the Senegalese capital in January 1991. Preparations are on to hold the summit.

Gabid praised the Palestinian jufida. He said that we will continue supporting it to ensure its continuity despite the Israeli repressive measures. He added that the Jerusalem committee will hold its meeting very shortly and said that the OIC is exerting its efforts to convene an international peace conference to solve the Middle East conflict, with full participation of the Palestinian delegation.

Christian burial for hanged Indian

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

INDIAN Francisco Arango, convicted for a double-murder, was buried by his family at the Salaibikhat Cemetery yesterday. Francisco, 37, was found guilty of killing a Turkish bus driver Errol and an Egyptian bus conductor Hassan Siraj on Feb. 2, 1988.

He was executed at 8 am on Monday (Aug 7) at the central prison.

Francisco was sentenced to hang until death by the Criminal Court on June 11, 1988. The sentence was upheld by the Courts of Appeals on Nov. 30, 1988 and reconfirmed by the Cassation Court on June 26, 1989.

The defendant, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter, had appealed on the grounds that the act was not a pre-meditated murder.

The defendant, after the final judgement on June 26 this year, had appealed for mercy on compassionate grounds to HH the Amir. The petition was handed by the Indian embassy through the Foreign Ministry. The date for his hanging was fixed on July 31.

In recent years, this is the first case of an Indian sentenced to death by hanging. Another Indian, Mohammad Ghose, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the death of his employer in her home. Ghose, who was convicted early last year, had pleaded not guilty. He had gone outside the house on his day off and found the body of his mistress in her bedroom. Ghose had pleaded not guilty.

Francisco stabbed the driver and conductor in broad daylight in the presence of other bus passengers in a fit of fury. In his appeals, he had said the murders were committed at a moment of madness and anger.

When the story of the double-murders appeared in the local press, Francisco was quoted as saying that he had been assaulted by the bus driver and conductor, who had refused to return 150 fils he was owed. He had reported the case to the police. Humiliated and bruised, he vowed revenge



Francisco Arango's mother and sisters (in black) mourn his death in church



Arango's sister as the coffin is taken into the hearse

and returned with a kitchen knife to the bus stop and waited for two hours for the bus to return to Qadsia, where he lived. He stabbed the bus driver Errol and conductor Hassan Siraj. Errol died on the spot. Siraj succumbed to injuries after a few days in hospital.

Francisco is survived by his wife and four children, aged nine to 2, who live in his hometown of Pune, India. He worked as a cook with a family in Qadsia. His mother, and sisters, all domestics, and a brother live in Kuwait. His brother Daniel Arango's only plea was to be allowed to

give Francisco a Christian burial, a wish that was granted by the Interior Ministry.

A funeral mass was held for Francisco at the Catholic Church. His black coffin was placed in the sacristy. After the mass, his relatives took his body to the cemetery for burial.

Comatose Haj female central to law dispute

A MOTHER travelled to Saudi Arabia to perform Haj rituals along with her husband, but due to severe sunstroke was admitted to King Faisal Hospital in a comatose state.

Subsequently, the husband was, however surprised by a Tunisian man along with his four sisters who claimed the patient as their sister who they lost while performing Haj rituals.

Unsuccessful attempts between Kuwait and the Tunisian officials have failed to unravel the confusion. The issue was transformed from a personal dispute to the Kuwaiti and Tunisian embassies and then transferred to the courts. Both the Tunisian and Kuwaiti sides are in a state of heightened activity to unravel the mystery.

This is the story of a Kuwaiti lady who is being fought over by Kuwaitis and Tunisians through embassies, courts, and other legal avenues.

Unfortunately, the centre of this controversy, the lady herself, is in a state of coma.

According to the Kuwaiti son of the patient, (who is a second year engineering student in the US) indicated that he had come to Kuwait to wish his parents a fruitful Haj and had seen them off and was awaiting their return.

He said that he waited for a long time and noticing that Haj delegations and caravans had returned to Kuwait, telephoned his father and summed from the brief conversation that something was amiss.

The son took the first available flight to Saudi Arabia and arrived at King Faisal Hospital, where his father informed him that his mother was still a patient.

Speaking to the Saudi press, he described his mother and was told that the description matched. However, the doctor said that the name given by the son was not the name of the patient.

Surprise

Upon being taken to the room of his mother, he hugged the lady and began sobbing. The father who was notified, arrived and informed his son that before going around the Kaaba, the mother was feeling tired and he had to carry her on his back to finish all the rounds. The father noticed that his wife's condition was getting worse took her to the Kuwait medical delegation who provided first aid, but were unable to stabilise her condition. She was rushed to the intensive care unit at the hospital where in a short period of time she lapsed into a coma.

After two days from being admitted, the father was surprised by the four Tunisian sisters and their brother with the claim that the patient was their sister who they had lost while going around the Kaaba. What compounded the confusion was that the Tunisians produced a picture which was identical to that of the patient. They even brought relatives, subsequently who all confirmed that the patient was their sister.

Mohammed then came to Kuwait to collect all necessary documents to prove the identity of his mother — including fingerprints. However, on his return to Saudi Arabia, he said that he was totally surprised when his father informed him that the Tunisians had left Saudi Arabia and appointed a lawyer to follow up the case.

Investigations have revealed that a Tunisian man working at the hospital guided the Tunisians to the patient whom they claimed was their sister.

Transport meeting

BAGHDAD, Aug. 8. (KUNA): Transport and communications ministers in the four-member Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) states concluded here last night a two-day meeting by signing minutes on joint co-operation.

Ministers from Egypt, Jordan, Arab Yemen and the host country Iraq started their co-ordination meeting here on Sunday.

The signed minutes provide for exchange of information, training and expertise in the fields of post, transport and telecommunications as well as issuance of joint memorial stamps and organisation of philatelic exhibitions.

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Thought for today

JUDGE a man by his questions rather than his answers — Francois Marie Arouet de Voltaire, French writer (1694-1778).

Roll up for sunny Soweto tour

TAKE a tour of sunny Soweto and see how the other three-quarters live.

A handful of enterprising operators run tourist trips to South Africa's biggest black township for a glimpse of life on the underside of South Africa's apartheid system.

The tours are always well booked by curious foreigners. But they also attract a sprinkling of white South Africans, most setting foot for the first time in what seems to them an alien and threatening place.

Scarcely any of them would consider venturing alone into the sprawling patchwork of black suburbs just 15 km (nine miles) outside Johannesburg.

"I've lived here for eight years and I've never been to a township," said a British immigrant who, like many of the tourists, preferred not to be named. "I'd only come on a guided tour — I'd be scared to go on my own."

An Afrikaner woman from Natal province shared her fears and believed whites were legally barred from visiting townships on their own. In fact, whites have not needed an official permit to enter black areas since 1985.

Both women said they were taking a tour only to accompany relatives or friends visiting from abroad.

"We wanted them to see how it really is — not all mud huts and flies in the eyes," said the British immigrant as the daily four-hour minibus tour run by Soweto municipal council began at a Johannesburg five-star hotel.

Three quarters of South Africa's estimated 35 million population are black. A further 11 per cent are Indian or mixed-race coloured. Yet most whites have little real idea how their less privileged compatriots live.

Apartheid legislation stipulates separate residential areas for different races. Black, Indian and coloured townships have generally been built well away from white areas, usually tucked discreetly out of sight of white towns and main roads.

Only a tiny minority of whites ever enter these "locations," as they are often called, and many are convinced that to do so means at least automatic robbery if not death.

Some, including Soweto, do suffer a high crime rate, but the chances of a stranger blundering into racial confrontation are pretty low.

"Three years ago maybe it was dangerous — some whites were killed — but now it's very quiet," a black journalist said.

A tour showed conditions in the township, from the stinking alleyways of an impoverished squatter camp to the plush mansions of soccer magnates and top businessmen.

Most of Soweto's estimated four million residents live in row upon row of tiny "matchbox houses," so named because of their low, boxy shape and uniform appearance.

Tour guide Dorcas Mfuphi pointed out the homes of local celebrities, including anti-apartheid activists like Winnie Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Her commentary was objective but cautious, the emphasis on the positive.

An Anglican clergyman doing voluntary work at a gleaming orphanage visited during the tour said it was very much a showpiece. Most township institutions were far less well equipped, he said.

Sowetans look on the tourists with a mixture of amusement, hope and occasional anger when cameras are used insensitively.

"It's good that they come and see how we live," said Lilian Motshwane outside her squatter camp shack. "They can go back and tell people what it's like. Maybe they'll help us."

Her hopes may be ill-founded. Asked for her impressions after the tour, one foreign tourist remarked sweepingly: "They've got nicer houses than us in Britain."

"I felt a lot safer than I thought I would," the British immigrant said. "It was very fair. Most reports only show the slums — there's another side to it."

Another Briton, visibly upset, took a different view. "Until today I thought this was a beautiful country," she said. "I'm absolutely horrified by what I've seen this morning. I feel like leaving South Africa this minute. (Soweto — Reuters)

PRESS REVIEW

Al Rai Al Am has questioned the role of military action in restoring Arab land and Palestinian rights, indicating geographical barriers and political considerations make such an option are impossible one.

"From where, how and when will the fighters launch an attack as long as the borders and all outlets are closed to military action until further notice," the paper wondered.

It said since 1973, political moves had eliminated the military option except for what is taking place from Lebanon.

"With the exception of Lebanon, the natural field for the military machinery is the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories and that is inaccessible except by a special permission and in specific cases," the paper added.

It noted that only Israel has the initiative of intervention, pursuit and despatching troops to carry out operations under the pretext of combating terrorism as usual.

It is under this pretext Israel had invaded Lebanon and occupied some of its territories and established what it called the security zone as if it is not satisfied with the Golan and West Bank, said the paper.

"The question is why don't the Arab have such security zones? We are the threatened ones and we are the victims," Al Rai Al Am said.

The paper said in spite of the self-declared security zone, Israel had penetrated the buffer zone and abducted a Lebanese clergyman.

"After all this they speak about activating military action to liberate Palestine while all indications confirm it is the time of politics... the time of compromise and the time of bargaining," it said.

Al Rai Al Am indicated that big powers are presently negotiating behind the scenes and back doors with organisations they did not recognise and even refuse to consider them as part of the political and military game in the region, an apparent indication to the hostage crisis. (KUNA)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1529 — Writs are issued for a parliament in England.
- 1615 — Second civil war breaks out in France, in which Prince of Condé is in league with Huguenots led by Henry Duke of Rohan.
- 1655 — Oliver Cromwell divides England into 11 districts, each with a major-general as governor.
- 1792 — Revolutionary commune is established in Paris, France.
- 1805 — Austria joins Britain and Russia as signator of Treaty of St Petersburg against France.
- 1898 — Spain formally accepts peace terms ending Spanish-American war.
- 1919 — Anglo-Persian agreement is signed at Tehran to preserve integrity of Persia.
- 1942 — Britain arrests Mohandas Gandhi, Indian nationalist, and he is interned until 1944.
- 1945 — US plane drops second atomic bomb, destroying more than half of city of Nagasaki, Japan, in World War II.
- 1954 — Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey sign treaty of mutual assistance.
- 1956 — UN Security Council adopts US proposed resolution calling for ceasefire between Greek and Turkish Cypriots on Cyprus.
- 1960 — Coup is staged in Laos.
- 1964 — United Nations orders ceasefire in Cyprus.
- 1971 — At least 13 people are killed in rioting in Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- 1975 — Two river boats collide near Canton, China, and 500 people are reported drowned.
- 1988 — Army troops in Rangoon, Burma, open fire on thousands of demonstrators who call for overthrow of President Sein Lwin.

Kaifu: no enemies, no women problems

Japan wipes slate clean



Toshiki Kaifu: He has a clean image and comes from a clean faction

IN 1960 a cocky 29-year-old politician predicted that in another 29 years he would be Prime Minister of Japan.

Toshiki Kaifu made that prophecy reality Tuesday as he was elected to head the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, virtually assuring him of becoming Japan's 19th postwar premier.

A few weeks ago it seemed most unlikely. Kaifu didn't figure in the early race to succeed Souseike Uno, who is stepping down as prime minister after significant LDP losses in a recent parliamentary elections.

But with senior LDP leaders virtually eliminated from serving in the nation's highest office because of their own links to a Recruit Co. influence-peddling scandal, Kaifu was called on as an experienced politician with a clean image to lead the party out of its crisis.

The head of the Liberal Democrats was expected to be elected Prime Minister of Japan on Wednesday, when the LDP-dominated lower house of parliament votes.

The LDP lost its majority in the upper house in an election last month, forcing Uno, already besieged by charges that he kept paid mistresses, to take responsibility and step down.

Kaifu told party members in a Monday speech, "We must seriously consider the harsh reality of the election results."

"The feeling is that the LDP should change its image," said Ichiji Ishii, a member of Parliament who knows Kaifu well. Kaifu's got a clean image and he comes from a clean faction."

Kaifu and Ishii both come from the smallest LDP faction, that of former Economic Planning Minister Toshio Komoto.

Kaifu's management style differs greatly from Uno's.

Uno was much disliked by his co-workers and staff at the Foreign Ministry, which he headed under the Noboru Takeshita administration.

"Uno took all the credit for himself, no matter what, and nobody else got it," a senior Foreign Ministry official said.

Kaifu has throughout his 29-year political career tried hard not to rock the boat or cause problems, an LDP aide said.

"He's a follower," the aide said. "He's always eager to conform, and very self-conscious of his image."

"It looks as if Kaifu has no women problems," said a close colleague who asked not to be identified. "His wife is too young to allow that anyway."

A veteran politician who served as education minister in the cabinets of two prime ministers, Kaifu, 58, is Japan's second-youngest postwar leader. Only Kakuei Tanaka, premier in 1972-74, was younger, taking office at the age of 54.

Debating

An eloquent speaker who studied debating in college, Kaifu was a protégé of the late prime minister Takeo Miki.

The LDP turned to Kaifu amid calls for a younger leadership and because of his support for political reform, which he inherited from Miki.

He was also a compromise candidate between the main rival factions, whose leaders were tainted by the so-called Recruit Co. scandal.

Kaifu himself has acknowledged receiving 15 million yen (\$108,000) in donations from Recruit but has claimed they were all legitimate political contributions.

He moved quickly to repair damage to the LDP since declaring his candidacy Friday, appealing particularly to women, who felt estranged by allegations about Uno's affairs and a new consumption tax forced into law by the LDP.

"We must think of constructing a social balance between men and women that respects women's place in society and makes use of their abilities," he said Monday.

Kaifu's drawbacks are seen as lack of experience in foreign and financial affairs. He has not headed his own faction nor served in a top party post.

Unlike Uno, Kaifu comes to office with one great blessing. He does not have too many enemies," faction colleague Ishii said.

But he is not known as a dynamic leader who gets things done.

"He doesn't have much respect within the faction," one LDP aide said. "He doesn't get out and raise money for the people in his faction or look after them in that way."

In Japan's world of money politics it is considered a great failing.

Kaifu is known to miss his departed mentor, Prime Minister Takeo Miki. The LDP's original "Mr. Clean," Miki worked hard to clean up corrupt political practices. He died last November, aged 81.

He even continues to wear the same kind of polka-dot neckties that Miki always did as a kind of tribute," said LDP aide Arseny Basher. "He is very loyal in his memory of him even today."

When Miki lost an election for premier to Kakuei Tanaka in 1972, "Kaifu cried out loud in front of everybody," Basher said.

An excellent speaker, Kaifu is considered by his LDP colleagues to be a match for the redoubtable Japan Socialist Party Leader Takako Doi, whose party made substantial gains in the July 23 poll.

"He is considered a smart man," said an LDP aide.

A friend of Kaifu's said his wife was the only notable problem he had. She was unwilling to help his career by acting as hostess to his colleagues.

"She's not too well-liked," the friend said. "When people come to the house she doesn't treat them too well."

"She only serves them tea. Nothing to eat and no alcohol," he added.

Kaifu, his wife and two children lead a relatively modest lifestyle in an apartment rather than a sprawling private house, which is more typical for Japanese politicians.

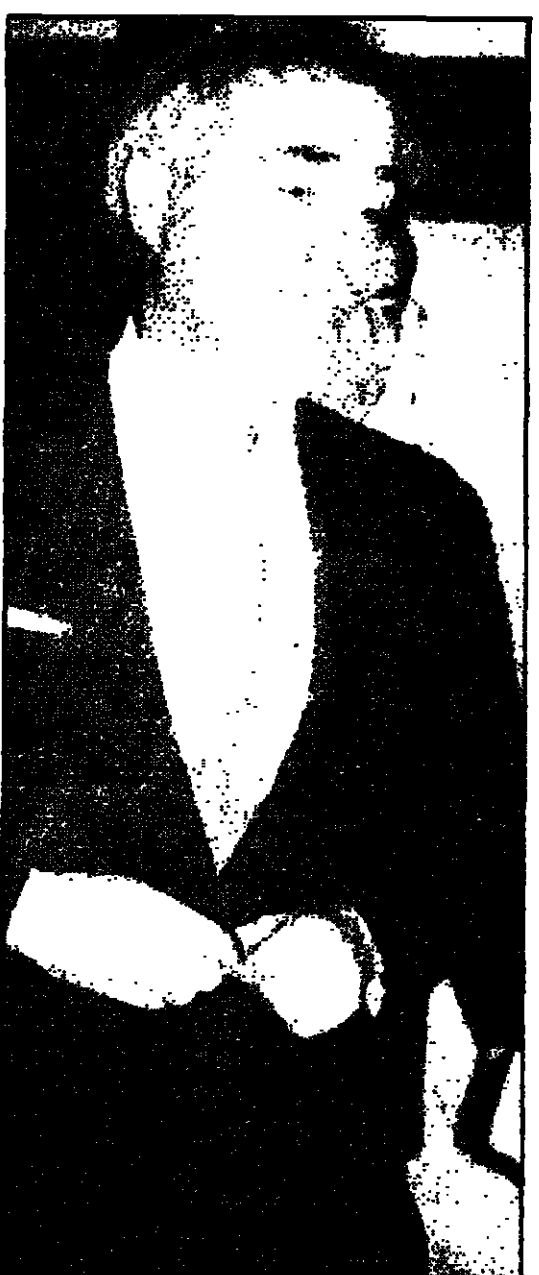
The next premier and his wife met when they both worked as secretaries to the late Member of Parliament Kinsho Kono in the city of Ichinomiya in central Japan.

When Kono died, Kaifu became his successor, winning his first term in the powerful lower house in 1960, becoming at 29 the youngest person to do so.

Some observers believe his administration will end in October when the Liberal Democrats elect a new party president for a two-year term. Others believe he could last longer, depending on the next three months. (Tokyo — AP)

Palmer reaffirms anti-nuclear stance

Emerging from Lange's shadow



Geoffrey Palmer: 'I am not David Lange'

GEOFFREY PALMER emerged from six years in the shadow of departing Prime Minister David Lange to head a New Zealand government torn by in-fighting.

But doubts remain whether the 47-year-old lawyer, who lacks Lange's dubbing personality, can stifle factional bickering that has plagued his Labour Party for months.

Palmer has the reputation of an academic who is not expected to strive for the limelight on the world stage like his predecessor.

Palmer, 47, took office as head of the governing Labour Party following the surprise resignation of Labourite David Lange as prime minister the previous day. Party leadership assures Palmer's election in parliament as prime minister.

Palmer, who has been a loyal Lange deputy since 1983, immediately pledged to carry on the work of his old boss.

Minutes after his election as Labour leader, a job that brought the prime ministership with it, he reaffirmed an anti-nuclear policy that enraged the United States. He also emphasised a caring image that Labour almost lost in five years of tough reforms of the New Zealand economy.

"I'm not David Lange. My strengths are different from his," Palmer told a news conference. "I differ not one jot from David Lange in terms of his social goals."

Palmer admitted that his leadership style would be less ebullient than Lange's, who became an international figure as he fearlessly took on the United States over a ban on nuclear ships entering New Zealand ports and France over its nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

"It will be solid, it will be dependable but perhaps it won't be quite so exciting," Palmer said.

An amateur trumpet-player, Palmer was elected deputy Labour leader in 1983. After Lange swept Labour back into power in the 1984 general election he took the number two position in the cabinet. He is also justice and environment minister.

Palmer's idea of relaxation is trying to solve obscure legal problems. When New Zealand yachtsmen challenged the result of last year's America's Cup race in a US court he went on radio to offer his opinion on the issue.

"His strength is one of management of the government," said political scientist Rod Alley, a long-standing friend of Palmer. But he added: "When a crisis breaks Geoffrey Palmer can get in a bit of a fluster."

Palmer is unlikely to avoid crises for long in the rough and tumble of the Labour Party. Former Finance Minister Roger Douglas and his ally, for-

mer state-owned Enterprises Minister Richard Prebble, are likely to carry on the same stinging attacks from the party right that analysts say contributed to Lange's decision to quit.

"You can be sure that the likes of Douglas and Prebble will go on pushing," said Alley. "They are very tough and relentless."

But Alley said Palmer's new deputy, Health and Housing Minister Helen Clark, had an ability to stay cool in crisis that would be valuable to Palmer. "She has quite a reputation as a Thatcher of the left. She's tough and formal."

"Maybe that's what the caucus needs after all that indiscipline."

Palmer, with silver hair, thunderous voice and earnestness, is known within the Labour Party as Moses. He will take over as prime minister 10 years after entering parliament in a special election.

A former law professor, he is from the centre-right of the party and has been the driving force behind the government's legal initiatives, including a proposed bill of rights.

Palmer is not a socialist, despite having reached the top of a party that is proud of its socialist traditions. Palmer says he sticks to the middle of the road on economic issues, neither a free marketer nor a centralist.

Colleagues say he has self-confidence and loves arguing. Former students remember him as a demanding teacher.

He collects Royal Albert bone china as a hobby and plays the trumpet.

He rarely shows his boisterous element of humour in public, but friends say it's there. He was once in a group of university pranksters taken to a police station for breaking into a women's hostel.

Long periods of living overseas helped mold the political Palmer. At his first news conference after his election as party leader he said he was "very fond" of the United States, having spent so much time there.

He and his wife, Margaret, went to Chicago in the 1960s. They returned in 1969 when Palmer was appointed professor of law at Iowa University. He later moved to another professorship at Virginia.

At his news conference, Palmer said the government's course would be solid and dependable, but perhaps not exciting. He said there would be no change in economic policy and that Finance Minister David Caygill would remain in his job, even though his predecessor, Roger Douglas, was back in the cabinet.

He also declared himself a staunch supporter of New Zealand's stand against visits by nuclear ships, and said there would definitely be no change in the policy.

UN vulnerable

Peace forces court danger

THE apparent death of US Marine Lt Col William R. Higgins is a reminder of the growing vulnerability of UN peacekeeping soldiers.

UN peacekeeping is touted as the epitome of applying the principle of non-violence to violent situations. Peacekeepers, recognizable by their blue helmets, carry light arms and are instructed to use them only in self-defence. Impartiality and vulnerability are supposed to be their armour.

There are about 14,500 UN peacekeepers and observers world-wide, from Afghanistan to Namibia, including some 6,000 in the Middle East.

At one time, UN peacekeepers were virtually immune from direct attack. But as hostilities have intensified, they increasingly have become victims of abduction, gunfire and land mines, particularly in the Middle East.

The United Nations, aware that US nationals are highly visible and at risk, has withdrawn them from dangerous observer positions in Lebanon for the UN Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO), to which Higgins was attached.

UNTSO is the only UN peacekeeping operation in which the United States has personnel directly involved.

Higgins, head of the UNTSO group in Lebanon, was kidnapped Feb 17, 1985, by pro-Iranian extremists who claimed they executed him recently in retaliation for Israel's abduction of a Shiite Muslim cleric linked to his capture.

UN officials say that its observers in the area, like Higgins, still wish to remain unarmed and believe that carrying weapons not only would fail to enhance their security, but could jeopardize it.

The 298-man UNTSO group in the Middle East operates in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. It has 36 Americans, including four in Higgins' Lebanon observer group of 62. The four now are posted in Israel for security reasons.

The 5,844-man UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was founded in 1978 following Israel's invasion of Lebanon to restore peace, confirm withdrawal of Israel forces and assist the Lebanese government in restoring its authority.

Aided by UNTSO, UNIFIL mans checkpoints and provides humanitarian and medical aid, including running health centres which treat more than 7,000 civilians per month.

Since it was formed in 1948, UNTSO has lost five men in action or work-related accidents.

Lost

UNIFIL has lost 153 soldiers since it was established — 60 due to gunfire and mine or bomb blasts, 65 in duty-related accidents and 28 from other causes. About 220 have been wounded by gunfire and explosions.

UNIFIL is deployed in southern Lebanon but is unable to fulfill its peacekeeping mandate completely because Israel has blocked the border and created a so-called "security zone."

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar reported last month that during the past six months, eight UN soldiers, five Irishmen, two Norwegians and one Swede lost their lives from gunfire, explosions, accidents and natural causes.

"The safety of UNIFIL personnel is a matter of continuing and deep concern to me," Perez de Cuellar said in his six-month report of UNIFIL. "It is inexcusable that UN peacekeepers should be subjected to constant threats and danger."

"The force suffered loss of life and other casualties during the current mandate period, as a result of harassment of its personnel by various armed groups in the area... the agony of Lebanon also exposes UNIFIL personnel to considerable dangers."

In February, the secretary-general said, unprovoked, indiscriminate heavy machine-gun fire at UNIFIL positions killed one Irish soldier.

In March, a UNIFIL truck carrying three soldiers of the Irish battalion on routine detail hit a powerful land mine on a road they had used for weeks. The mine apparently was planted the night before.

Last November, five Palestinian guerrillas stormed a Finnish UN peacekeeping outpost in south Lebanon, capturing two Lebanese and five Finnish hostages. Later, 18 more unarmed Finnish peacekeepers joined the hostages, seeking to tire the captors or overpower them.

Eventually, one Palestinian shot a Lebanese hostage to death, but he then was overpowered and the siege ended.

According to UN resolutions and unwritten policy, the United States and other permanent members of the Security Council — Britain, China, France and the Soviet Union — usually do not send troops to peacekeeping or military observer missions due to sensitivity on part of smaller nations over meddling by former colonial powers. Instead, they pay a larger share of the peacekeeping costs. (United Nations — AP)

Quote me

"I would probably be so frustrated that I'd drop dead. I would not have to worry about being assassinated. I'd just feel over it. — Lee Iacocca on running for public office."

"I tried to tell them I shouldn't be there but that doesn't really work in a jail." — Clifford Basher who was locked up in jail for a year due to a break in communications.

"If it takes me four years to win every time, then I'll be 90 and I'll still be trying." — Both Daniel said as she reached halfway to the LPGA Hall of Fame.

"Golf is a game of failures. It isn't like any other sport. You fail so much more often than you succeed." — Tom Watson said.

"There is a great need for radical means and a more radical way of thinking... that has not yet won through. But there is no world police that can go in and force governments that are unwilling." — Gro Harlem Brundtland said in an interview that the world is not moving quickly enough to stop destroying the environment.

"These misguided players and individuals not to act in a way that gets us and comfort to that abhorrent regime." — Gareth Evans said about rebel tour.

"The Dow will go over 2,700, testing that level. Then there will be a new assault on 2,722, which is a lot of folks will watch closely." — Hugh Johnson of First Albany Corp after the industrial average set a post-crash high on Monday.

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\$15-18 until end of the year

Sheikh Ali predicts price range

KUWAIT'S Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa said today that Kuwait has cut oil output by 400,000 to 450,000 barrels per day, in line with the current OPEC quota agreement.

Oil prices are expected to range between \$15 and 18 until the end of the year, Sheikh Ali said in an Arabic newspaper interview. He said that if they fluctuate more broadly, "an emergency OPEC" conference should be held to consider the situation.

But he said the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries "should leave prices to move within a margin to reflect the performance of the market forces," Sheikh Ali said.

Commenting on the news that OPEC oil production totalled 21.5 million barrels a day, this exceeding its production ceiling, Sheikh Ali said that a slight increase spread over a short period will not have adverse effects on the oil market.

Countries exceeding their quotas will soon realise the implications of committing themselves to OPEC production quotas.

Oil ministers of OPEC will attend a meeting of the eight-minister market monitoring committee next month to discuss

exceeding the production quotas by some members, Sheikh Ali said.

The official reiterated that the price system adopted by OPEC, proved a failure and pragmatically speaking, a margin must be left for the free movement of oil prices. This facilitates the OPEC share in the international oil markets to increase.

Sheikh Ali arrived in Abu Dhabi on Monday for talks with his United Arab Emirates counterpart, Mana Saeed Oteiba, on market developments and co-ordination among the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council's oil producers.

The talks are to prepare for a September meeting of the 13-member market monitoring committee.

Sheikh Ali visited Saudi Arabia last week for similar talks with Oil Minister Hisham Nazer. He also conferred in Doha on the price issue with the Qatari Oil Minister, Sheikh Abdel-Aziz Bin Khalifa Al Thani.

"All OPEC oil ministers should attend the market monitoring committee, meeting in September," he insisted. "It will be an opportunity to discuss violations of OPEC-decreed production quotas" by a number of OPEC members.

On the issue of the sale of the CF Brown company, a subsidiary of the Kuwaiti-owned Santa Fe Corporation, the minister said that the former is an engineering company and its assets are worth only \$3-4 million.

Although it forms a small part of Santa Fe, it consumed a large part of the latter's resources.

"We decided that the efforts of Santa Fe could be better directed towards exploiting other projects such as oil exploration."

The drop in oil prices a few years ago caused the retreat in the oil exploration activities of Santa Fe, the official said, but added that the corporation's business has since picked up with the firming up of oil prices and the returns on investment in the area of oil exploration.

The corporation has a very high reputation in its field of activities the world over and receives offers from major world oil companies — including an offer from the North Sea.

Sheikh Ali disclosed that Kuwait has a plan to set up a giant petrochemical industries complex aimed basically at increasing Kuwait's exports.

After completing the modernisation projects of the oil refineries, Kuwait intends to direct attention to the petrochemical industries.

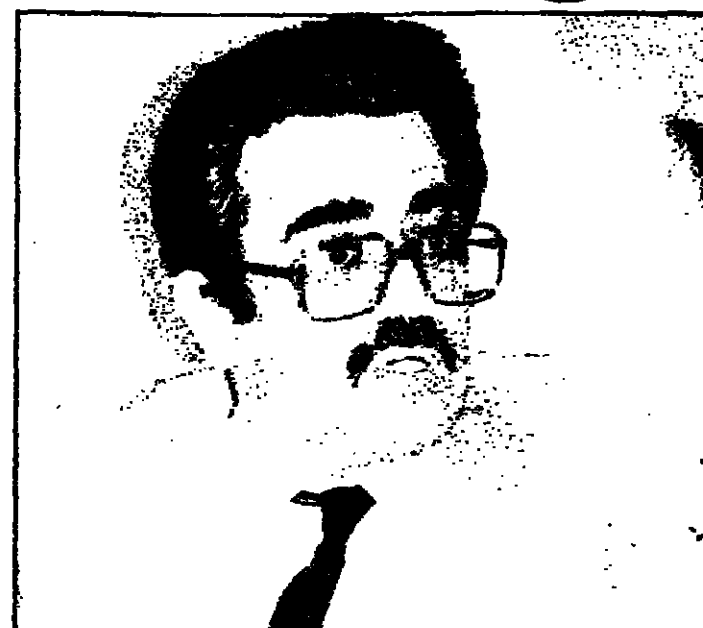
The official disclosed that Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) will open new fields for the participation of the private sector based on small petrochemical projects in relation to the products of the giant government petrochemical factories.

As plans are constantly being revised and upgraded, the official declined to go into details.

On the issue of reflagging Kuwait's oil tankers, the official categorically denied that its losses exceeded losses from the oil tankers war in the Gulf. He added that priority was accorded to ensuring that shipments of Kuwaiti oil to the international market went through unhampered and ensured a steady source of income. "Kuwait has restored the registration of some of its oil tankers and will complete the procedure at the appropriate time."

The minister confirmed press reports that the government intends to introduce the element of competition at all gasoline distribution stations in Kuwait.

"Competition represents an essential incentive for the development of any sector," Sheikh Ali said. The entire concept is being reviewed, he added. Further, he opined that competition could contribute to a decline



Sheikh Ali

in the prices of gasoline.

Elucidating on the British Petroleum deal, the minister said that the entire deal was managed by the London Investment Office. "The operation was successful — similar to all other overseas projects," Sheikh Ali said.

On plans of the Q8 company related to the distribution of oil products in Europe, the oil mini-

sters pointed out that after the great success achieved by the Q8 company in West European countries, the company has been considerably encouraged to open similar stations in other avenues. Other plans include expand in the work base in Europe aimed at upgrading the company's share in international markets, Sheikh Ali concluded.

Oil sector ahead in Kuwaitisation

Key achievement

KUWAIT, Aug 8, (KUNA): A senior oil industry official today said a high rate of staff Kuwaitisation is a key achievement of the oil industry in Kuwait.

In June, 1989 Kuwaitis accounted for 46.2 per cent of the Kuwaiti oil industry workforce, compared with a mere 27.8 per cent 15 years ago, said Abbas Abdalla Malek, the executive assistant of the Kuwaiti Petroleum Corporation's managing director.

He told KUNA in an interview that since the oil industry was nationalised, the country's petroleum companies remarkably managed to employ the potential of Kuwaitis despite shortage of human resources and training difficulties.

He noted that manpower policies of the oil sector usually take into account several considerations in planning employment of Kuwaitis. Those include such facts that the oil industry is a large capital investment field, a minimum experience is essential and that quality control and operational efficiency must be maintained at a certain level.

At the same time the oil sector is mindful of the need to set the groundwork for training programmes for Kuwaitis and of the need to lessen reliance on non-Kuwaitis, he added.

Abbas, however, acknowledged that it was still difficult for Kuwaiti personnel to meet all requirements of the oil sector.

As such, he said, Kuwaitis have first occupied the top of the pyramid, as upper management positions are now 100 per cent Kuwaitised, while they fill at least 90 per cent of the production operation posts.

The number of Kuwaitis dwindle down the job scale as they account for 75 per cent of the middle management, 66.7 per cent in the export operations and 55.5 per cent in marketing.

The rate of Kuwaitisation is notably low in such areas as shipping, services and secretarial work, Abbas said.

He further noted that the past four years saw a drop in the number of non-Kuwaitis in the oil sector against a steady rise in the number of Kuwaitis joining the workforce.

More specifically, the number of non-Kuwaitis in the industry slipped by 999 while Kuwaitis rose in number by 607 over that period, he said.

Banks face run on deposits

AMMAN, Aug 8, (Reuters): Two Jordanian banks taken over by the government last week and ordered to merge are facing a run on deposits and have turned to the Central Bank for cash, bankers said today.

"People are flocking to the two banks to withdraw all their deposits and the two institutions had to get help from the Central Bank," one banker said.

The National Economic Security Committee, acting under martial law regulations, last Thursday asked the Petro and Jordan Gulf banks to merge. It instructed them to suspend dealing in their shares on Amman's Stock Exchange and named a six-man supervisory team to implement the merger, for which no date has been set.

Bankers said clients with more than \$150 deposited at the banks in foreign currency had to obtain permission from the new managers before they could make any withdrawals.

But customers with Jordanian currency deposits could withdraw all their funds.

The banks said the Central Bank had been supplying both banks with Jordanian dinars at a daily interest rate of one per cent.

Honda will sell cars in Israel

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Maslow was quoted describing the Honda decision a "breakthrough". Maslow said he understood that Japan's Toyota Motor Company had also agreed in principle to ship cars to Israel from its British plant.

Toyota's agent in Kuwait, Mohammed Naser Al Sayer and Sons Est. said he had no knowledge of such plans.

"Toyota will think twice before it decides to jeopardise its large sales in the Arab market for a comparatively small contract with Israel. Toyota has always been cautious, and straightforward with us," said Mubarak Ahmad Naser of Al Sayer Est.

But he did not rule out the possibility of a special deal that would involve Toyota's British plant.

US law bars American firms from refusing to do business with others because of foreign boycotts not supported by America and aimed at nations friendly to the United States.

Fines are regularly levied on violators. Last year one firm was fined \$995,000.

Maslow said he thought the fines on other firms had helped to persuade Honda to change its policy, but added: "Since Honda (the parent firm) is selling cars through its US firm, it can still tell its Arab friends it is honouring the boycott."

\$18 will be maintained: Subroto

Oil demand could rise

TULSA, Oklahoma, Aug 8, (OPECNA): OPEC secretary general Dr Subroto said here today he thought OPEC's target price of \$18 a barrel would be maintained in the fourth quarter when demand for the organisation's crude could reach 22 million BPD.

Speaking at the 15th annual meeting of the national conference of state legislatures, he predicted that world oil demand, excluding the centrally planned economies (CPES), could rise to

about 52 million BPD in entering the winter period.

He stressed that with the market moving steadily toward an improved balance between supply and demand, and with prices settling in the region of \$18, "the chances for a stable market will be considerably enhanced."

But, market stability required the co-operation of other partners in the oil trade. Since the oil-price slump of 1986 "at least some producers" had come to

realise that it was in their own interests to respond to OPEC's pleas.

Recent commitments by non-OPEC countries towards achieving that goal — including cuts in exports or freezing of existing levels, albeit modest in volume — had been "significant" and would hopefully point the way for others to do the same.

"If co-operation on a major scale can be achieved, then we shall have an oil market with healthy, stable foundations —

foundations which satisfy the requirements of the world's most important group of oil producers, whose members will in turn readily, and reliably, meet the demands made on them in the future," he said.

While OPEC had nothing against free markets in the sense of a competitive market regime, it was convinced that because of its strategic value, oil should not be left to the "vagaries of a free market," but needed market management — or co-operation.

OPEC cuts banking debts

Kuwait, Saudis largest suppliers of new funds

GENEVA, August 8, (KUNA): Kuwait and Saudi Arabia were amongst the largest suppliers of new funds in the international banking sector during the first quarter of 1989, according to the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

Reviewing the flow of funds between the BIS reporting banks and groups of countries outside the reporting areas, a BIS report released today notes that OPEC countries reduced their banking debts by almost \$3 billion, while adding \$2.4 billion to their balances with the reporting banks.

On the deposit side, the largest suppliers of new funds were Kuwait (\$1 billion), Saudi Arabia (\$0.7 billion) and Iran

(\$0.6 billion).

In contrast, the United Arab Emirates and Libya drew down their balances by \$1 and 0.7 billion, respectively, during the first quarter of 1989, the report noted.

The list of OPEC countries considered in the BIS review includes — in addition — Brunei, Oman, Trinidad and Tobago, and, for banks in the United States and their branches in Panama, Bahrain.

Making an overall assessment, the BIS report notes that all sectors of the international financial markets recorded a very pronounced expansion during the first quarter this year.

The total international assets

of BIS reporting banks surged by nearly \$300 billion (at an annual rate of 24 per cent) as against the increase of only \$38 billion during the last quarter of 1988, the report observed.

With reference to developments in individual market centres, the report says banks in Japan alone accounted for \$69 billion of the \$212 billion expansion in the cross-border claims of the reporting banks.

In Europe, the strongest expansion in external claims was recorded for banks in France — \$30 billion. The report attributes this increase to the opening of a new affiliate of a Japanese bank in France, which gave rise to substantial rebooking operations.

Shares firmer

Dollar eases

LONDON, Aug 8, (Reuters): Most European share markets closed higher, taking a lead from New York which shot ahead on airline bid news on Monday and clung to its gains in morning trading today.

The London market was also higher, with the 100-share Financial Times Stock Exchange index closing 6.6 points higher at 2,348.1 — off its day's high of 2,357.9 but still a post-crash of 87 high and less than 100 points from its all-time high of 2,443.4 set 25 months ago.

French, Belgian, Swiss and Spanish shares closed firmer, but Danish and Norwegian indexes ended lower.

In New York, the Dow Jones industrial average saw-sawed between gains and losses in early business, and by noon local time it was 7.78 points up at 2,702.77.

It had put on 41.54 points on Monday after Beverly Hills businessman Marvin Davis made a bid of \$4 billion for UAL Inc, parent of United Airlines.

"It's a psychologically significant level," said trader Sudan Del Signor of Travellers Investment Management Co in New York of the Dow at 2,700. "I think we'll bump up against it several times before we push past it, if we do."

The dollar eased in quiet European business today and dealers expected it to trade in a narrow range until US retail sales and producer price data for July are released on Friday.

It closed in London at 1.8904 West German marks and 139.10 Japanese yen after 1.9045 and 139.45 on Monday.

Gold was hardly changed in London, finishing at \$365.53 an ounce.

Looks 'do matter'

Pretty face pays off

PITTSBURGH, Aug 8, (AP): A pretty face pays off in the business world, where good-looking men and women make more money than less attractive ones, researchers said today.

"Looks do matter," said Irene Frieze, professor of psychology and business administration at the University of Pittsburgh.

A new study by the university's Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business found handsome men get higher starting salaries, and both women and men who look good make more once hired.

The results differ from earlier research elsewhere that found being attractive doesn't pay off for women at work, Frieze said.

"Basic stereotypes about pretty people being better people really seem to operate in the business world," she said. "We certainly know they operate in the social setting."

Three graduate students and a management consultant examined photographs showing the heads and shoulders of 737 university of Pittsburgh MBA graduates wearing business attire, said Jo Olson, associate professor of business administration who co-wrote the study with Frieze.

The photographed graduates were surveyed about their starting and later salaries, and their photographs were rated on a scale of 1 to 5 for facial attractiveness.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug 8, (Reuters): Wall Street gains spurred demand for blue chip shares. The All Ordinaries index gained 19 points to 1,699.

TOKYO: Summer doldrums kept turnover low but the Nikkei index gained 129.1 points to 34,759.48.

HONG KONG: The Hang Seng index gained 44.17 on the back of Wall Street to top a psychological barrier at 2,600 and close at 2,607.94.

SINGAPORE: Singapore shares were boosted by Wall Street's rally. The Straits Times industrial gained 10.02 points to 1,361.76.

BOMBAY: Prices fell on nervous selling after trading on the Calcutta Stock Exchange was suspended following a payments default.

Wall Street stocks on brink of record

NEW YORK, Aug 8, (Reuters): Wall Street's main stock index is on the brink of shooting through a record set just before the market crashed spectacularly two years ago but strategists see few signs of a replay of the events of October 1987.

The Dow Jones industrial average set a post-crash high on Monday, soaring to close only a few points below the record level of 2,722.22 set on August 25, 1987.

The average's 41.54-point gain on Monday to 2,694.99 followed several important stock market indices setting records the same day, raising expectations that share prices would head even higher.

The Dow Jones index gained almost eight points this morning to hit 2,702.77 at noon.

Market participants believe the Dow will soon recover the last bit of territory it lost in the 1987 crash.

"The Dow will go over 2,700, testing that level," said Hugh Johnson of First Albany Corp. "Then there will be a new assault on 2,722, which a lot of folks will watch closely."

If in the next several days the Dow breezes through 2,722, "a lot of forecasters will jump on board," Johnson said. "It could turn into a real celebration on Wall Street."

But if the market is repeating its August

1987 performance, might a rerun of those bleaker days of October 1987 not be far behind?

No, say many investment strategists.

First, investors are paying much less for a company's earning power than they were two years ago. Price-earnings ratios of stocks on the Dow Jones industrial average are only about half of what they were at the market's peak in 1987, one analyst said.

Dividends are also up.

In 1987, the dollar was faltering, and the Federal Reserve, seeking to prop it up, was raising interest rates.

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ABBEY NAT	144.0	LASMO	510.5
ADNET LTD	207.0	LEGAL+GEN	360/0
ADT A/D	240.0	LLOYDS BK	86.00
ALD LYONS	520/0	LOWRHO	287.0
AMSTRAD	67.0	LUCAS IND	702.0
ARGYLL GP	241.0	MAGNET	302/0
ASDA GP	201/0	MARKS+SP	219/0
ASDA GP	373.0	MAXWELL C	198/0
BTR	43.0	MB GROUP	210.0
BAT INDS	843/0	MECCA LEE	167.0
BARCLAYS	517.0	NET WEST	330/0
BASS	079/0	NENT	144.0
BEAZER	183.0	NEW FOODS	359.0
BERISFORD	159.0	P & O DFD	698.0
BET ORD	308.0	PEARL	493/0
BICC PLC	550/0	PEARSON	773.0
BLUE ARROW	109/0	PILKINGTON	246.0
BLUE CIRC	272/0	PLESSEY	266/0
BOC GP	325/0	RACAL ELC	433/0
BOOTS CO	500.0	RACAL TEL	363/0
BPB INDS	254.0	RANK HVIS	457/0
BR COMH	186.0	RANK ORG	000.0
BR AIRWAY	202.0	RCKITT+CO	205/0
BR AEROSP	717/0	REDLAND	584.0
BR GAS RG	208.0	REED	454/0
BR LAND	383/0	RMC GRP	750/0
B.P.	298.0	REUTERS	946/0
BR STEEL	76/0	RIZ CORP.	552/0
BR TELCOM	256/0	ROBINS ROY	186.5
BUNZL	152.0	ROTHMAN B	627.0
BURMAH OL	636.0	ROYAL INS	320/0
BURTON	260.0	SATCHI	320/0
CABLEWIR	533.0	SAINSBURY	282/0
CADBURY'S	437/0	SEARS	33.36
CALOR GRP	425.0	SEEDGEWICK	250/0
CRLTN CO	847.0	SHELL	435.0
CRLTN R.T	838.0	SIEBE	546.0
COOKSONS	375.0	SLOUGH ES	357/0
COURTAULD	363.0	SMITH IND	320.0
DALGETY	414.0	SMITH+NEPH	136.0
DIXONS	163.0	STD.CHART	532.0
ENG CHINA	492.0	STC	375/0
ENTER OIL	599.0	STOREHSE	141/4
FKI BABCK	179.0	SUN ALLIA	306.0
FERRANTI	82/4	SUN LIFE	080/0
FISONS	359/0	TARMAC	311.0
GATEWAY	229.0	TATEBYLLE	290.0
GEN ACCID	267/0	TYL GROUP	307.0
GEN ELEC	072/0	TIK WOOD	472/0
GLAXO	527.0	TRAF HSE	391/0
GRANADA	373/0	TSB	110/0
GLOBE	197.5	T + N	250.0
GLYNWED	306.0	TRUSTHSE	346/0
GKNL	446.0	ULTRAMAR	338.0
GUINNESS	580.0	UNILEVER	635.0
HMWERN A	236.0	UTD WNSPR	487/0
HANSON	204.0	WELLCOME	491.0
HANSON WT	56.0	WHTRBD IN	374/0
HARRISON C	167/2	WILLIAMS	278.0
HUKER SID	733.5	WILLIS FB	220.0
HILLSDOWN	298/0	WINPEY GE	274.0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLOC	102/00	022/0
600 GROUP	133/0	134/0
A. AMER TS	483/0	483/0
A-B.ELECT	382/0	385/0
A.S.V. HLD	272/0	272/0
AAR KENT	131/0	131/0
AAR HLO	409/0	404/0
AARWSON	89/0	91/0
ADAMS	41/0	51/0
ADVEST	211/0	211/0
ALDI WRAM	217/0	216/0
ALEXON	400/0	400/0
ALLD COLL	170/0	171/0
ALLD IR	179/0	179/0
ALLD LB	151/0	151/0
ALLD PART	76/4	77/0
ALLD TEXT	382/0	381/0
ALLIANCE	147/0	155/0
AMBER DAY	69/4	69/4
AMEC	458/0	460/0
AMER TST	164/0	165/0
AMERSHAN	463/0	464/0
AMI RLTHC	427/0	427/0
ANGLIA SC	164/0	167/0
ANGLIA ST	308/0	307/0
ANSBACHER	76/0	76/0
APPLEYARD	163/0	164/0
APY PLC	151/0	152/0
ASHLEY LA	98/0	97/0
ATTWOODS	492/0	493/0
AUTO RECD	269/0	271/0
AUTO SECS	269/0	271/0
AVESCO	151/0	151/0
AVIS EUR	574/0	575/0
AVON BRIB	564/0	563/0
B. WEMMILL	282/0	283/0
BAILL JAP	574/0	574/0
BAILL SHI	99/4	100/0
BAIRD (W)	233/0	233/0
BANK IR	248/0	247/0
BANKER IT	95/4	97/0
BARDON GP	201/0	201/0
BARRT DEV	182/0	181/0
BAYNES C.	36/0	37/0
BBA GROUP	210/0	211/0
BEAR BRAND	13/2	13/2
BEATTIE J	145/0	146/0
BEHAVEN	56/0	56/0
BELLWAY	202/0	203/0
BENROSE	245/0	245/0
BENLOX HL	63/0	63/0
BERKELEY	197/0	197/0
BHN GROUP	144/4	145/0
BK OF SCO	107/0	107/0
BLCK LE 2	9/0	9/0
BLN BR2	535/0	530/0
BKNHGR IR MW	248/0	247/0
BUNNETT + F	97/0	98/0
BOASE MSA	363/0	
BODDINGTON	181/0	181/0

BOYD SHOP	420/0	423/0
BOTK HEWR	513/0	513/0
BORTHWICK	42/0	42/0
BR ARROW	127/0	128/0
BR ASSETS	85/0	85/0
BR DIGIT	171/0	171/0
BR VITA	297/0	298/0
BRENT CHE	160/0	162/0
BRENT UKR	392/0	391/0
BRIODN	203/0	205/0
BRITAIN SE	183/0	183/0
BRITANNIC	463/0	469/0
BRIXTON E	231/0	231/0
BRN & JAC	44/0	44/0
BROOK SHI	350/0	350/0
BRYANT GP	106/0	108/0
BUGS INTL	80/0	80/0
BULLOUGH	181/0	182/0
BULLMER HP	147/0	147/0
BUNNELL	376/0	376/0
CALENDONIA	390/0	391/0
CAMP ELEC	216/0	216/0
CANFORD E	288/0	288/0
CANNING W	285/0	284/0
CANNON ST	233/0	233/0
CAP. RADIO	869/0	869/0
CARADON	346/0	347/0
CARLCO EN	140/0	140/0
CATTLE ND	71/0	71/0
CAULDON	12/0	12/0
CHARTL. TV	813/0	813/0
CHARTER	203/0	203/0
CHARRA	22/0	24/0
CHLORIDE	39/0	39/0
CHRISTIES	309/0	315/0
CJ GROUP	50/0	51/0
CLAY PLAS	303/0	300/0
CNTRL SEC	57/0	57/0
CNTRL OIL	148/0	148/0
COALITE	476/0	475/0
COATES BR	279/0	280/0
COLOROLL	143/0	144/0
CONNELLS	204/0	205/0
COOPER F	167/0	166/0
COSTAIN F	322/0	323/0
COURTS FR	196/0	195/0
COWIE (T)	134/0	134/0
CROH	224/0	225/0
CRODA INT	249/0	251/0
CRYSTAL	93/0	93/0
CRYSTAL PROP	226/0	225/0
DABY EST	33/0	33/0
DARES CORP	178/0	180/0
DAVIDSON	226/0	225/0
DANSON GP	134/0	133/0
DELTA GRP	351/0	352/0
DEWEHIRST	331/0	332/0
DIPLOMA	41/0	42/0
DIPLOMA	203/0	204/0
DODDONS PK	102/0	102/0
DODDONS GR	383/0	385/0
DODDONS GRP	268/0	269/0
DODRATN FE	454/0	455/0
DODRATN C	567/0	568/0
DORRAGE C	559/0	561/0

HEPURNST	309/0	310/0
HESTAIR	236/0	236/0
HEYWOOD W	287/0	288/0
HICKINS W	277/0	280/0
HIGGS HIL	335/0	335/0
HMBRO CTY	45/0	46/0
HMBRO CTO	210/0	211/0
HNR SPHR	158/0	158/0
HOLMES PR	87/0	87/0
HONDEW GP	165/0	166/0
HOPKINSON	79/0	78/0
HORDY OCS	153/0	154/0
HTE GROUP	110/0	110/0
ICE.FZ.FD	369/0	371/0
IMRY M.DV	635/0	632/0
INDPNOT W	15/0	15/0
INOCO PLC	36/0	36/0
INT.BU.CH	144/0	145/0
INTL CITY	51/0	50/0
JAMES HUR	163/0	163/0
JCN HDGS	163/0	163/0
KALAMAZOO	32/0	32/0
KALON GRP	38/0	38/0
KELT ENGY	57/0	57/0
KETSON	14/0	14/0
KLWRT CHR	158/0	160/0
KLWRT O'S	169/0	170/0
KLWRT SML	195/0	193/0
KWIK SAVE	533/0	535/0
KWIK-FIN	111/0	112/0
LAING 'A'	310/0	310/0
LAING GRP	322/0	323/0
LAING PRP	528/0	528/0
LAING TRD	276/0	273/0
LAURANCE W	176/0	175/0
LDN & NET	176/0	175/0
LDN ATLAS	79/0	81/0
LDN INTL	244/0	244/0
LDN UTO	59/0	58/0
LDNEDINT	150/0	151/0
LEISURE I	65/0	65/0
LEG GROUP	175/0	176/0
LEF SERVC	376/0	366/0
LIFE SCIE	85/0	85/0
LILLEY	67/0	66/0
LIT	118/0	118/0
LLOYD THP	220/0	220/0
LOGICA	351/0	352/0
LOVELL HD	266/0	266/0
LOW (WM)	292/0	290/0
LOWBONNER	214/0	213/0
LOWNDES	30/0	31/0
M&G GROUP	343/0	342/0
M.C.PACIF	247/0	248/0
M.L. HLDGS	147/0	148/0
MALDRY	281/0	280/0
MALFARLNEE	252/0	253/0
MAI	03/0	04/0
MAJESTIE	260/0	260/0
MANDERS	221/0	221/0
MARLEY	158/0	158/0
MATTHEWS	65/0	66/0
MAUNDERS	96/0	97/0
MCCHWITTE	334/0	334/0
MEHC	228/0	228/0
MENZIES	380/0	385/0

RENOID	103/0	103/0
RENTKIL	395/0	395/0
ROBINSON	479/0	469/0
ROCKFORT	89/1	91/1
ROSEHAUGH	668/0	670/0
ROTHSCHILD	218/0	219/0
ROTOROK	175/0	176/0
RUGBY	198/0	200/0
RUTLAND T	40/0	40/0
SAGA GRP	300/0	300/0
SALE TNS	225/0	227/0
SALVEY	156/0	157/0
SAVILLE G	70/0	71/0
SAVOT "A"	80/0	87/5
SCOT I.T.	165/0	166/0
SCOT MET	165/0	166/0
SCOT MORT	139/0	140/0
SCOT.M.I.	120/0	120/0
SECT.E.I.T	170/0	179/0
SECT C	95/0	95/0
SECT NAT	95/0	95/0
SECT NAT W	20/0	20/0
SECS TST	68/6	68/6
SELECTV TP	15/0	15/0
SEMA GRP	336/0	336/0
SHANDWICK	145/0	145/0
SHANKZMC	525/0	525/0
SHERATON	85/0	85/0
SHIRE INV	250/0	252/0
SIMON ENG	718/0	719/0
SINGER&P	44/0	44/0
SINGERS FIF	22/0	22/0
SPRING RAN	106/0	106/0
SPARC-SPARC	250/0	249/0
ST.ANDREW	238/0	239/0
ST.MOYEN	248/0	249/0
STAKIS	110/0	111/0
STEETLEY	140/0	146/0
STENED PR	238/0	237/0
STODDARD	44/0	44/0
STORMJURG	18/0	18/0
STURGE HD	266/0	265/0
T.I.P.E. EU	174/0	174/0
TELENETR	44/0	44/0
TEMPLE BA	282/0	283/0
THAMES TV	560/0	563/0
THORNTONS	144/0	144/0
THROGHTIN	89/0	91/0
TIE RACK	75/0	75/0
TILBURY	661/0	652/0
TIME PROD	205/0	205/0
TIPHOOK	473/0	475/0
TOBKINS F	278/0	278/0
TODTAL	122/0	122/0
TOZER K&M	124/0	124/0
TR CITY	101/0	101/0
TR CIFIC	86/0	87/0
TR PROPT	63/0	64/0
TR TRSTEE	167/0	163/0
TRIMCO	36/0	36/0
TRIPLEX	172/0	172/0
TRITON ER	199/0	198/0
TRSPRT DV	288/0	289/0
U-BORLAND	96/0	97/0
U-BRD ST	39/0	39/0
U-BRONDAL	245/0	246/0
U-CITYVSN	243/0	244/0

NEW YORK	
NAME	OPEN MID
A BSCH COM	44/0
ATLANTIC R	103/1
AAR CORP	32/5
ABBOTT LAB	63/7
ACHE CLVLD	11/4
ADVO MICRO	9/1
AEROFLY LAB	4/1
AETNA LIFE	59/7
AMNHANSON	23/4
AIR PR-CHM	47/7
ALASKA AIR	28/1
ALBERTSONS	52/1
ALBMA 8-16	9/1
ALUM ALUM	24/0
ALCO STAND	33/1
AN CAP SEC	22/0
AN CYANIID	58/4
AN FAMILY	15/6
AN HOS PRO	98/6
AM STORES	70/0
AN TEL-TEL	40/2
AMAX INC	27/0
AMCO CORP	47/2
AMP INC	46/6
AMCO PITT	14/1
AMR CORP	72/0
AMRGEN CO	37/6
AMERICAN E	11/4
ANTHEM ELE	11/4
APACHE CP	14/1
APRAL 8-12	0
ARMSTRONG	47/3
ASHLD OIL	39/0
ASIA PACIF	11/2
ATLS CORP	17/0
AVERY INT	27/5
AVNET INC	25/0
AVON PRODS	37/1
BELLSOUTH	53/5
BELO CP A	39/5
BEVERLY	8/1
BLA-DECKER	23/4
BNK BOSTON	28/6
BNK BSN-A	37/3
BNK N-YORK	54/1
BNK TR-NY	53/6
BNKAMERICA	31/5
BNKAM SPEC	6/3
BOEING CO	53/0
BOISE CASC	47/2
BOND IN GLD	7/7
BORDEN	72/7
BOMATE	31/6
BR TELECOM	42/0
BRIGGS-STR	28/0
BRIST-MYER	47/2
BRUNSWICK	16/5
C 3 INC	2/5
C HUD G-EL	24/4
CABOT CORP	40/0
CAESARS NY	38/0

	GEN ELECT	58/
	GEN HOST	71/
	GEN HOUSEWR	10/
	GEN INSTR	34/
AY	GEN MILLS	65/
Y	GEN MOTORS	48/
0	GENOPEC	18/
5	GENETECH	18/
6	GENUIE PA	41/
4	GEO PWT-80	57/
	GEORGI-CL	51/
	GIBR FI CL	71/
7	GOLDEN NUG	25/
7	GOLDEN R	66/
	GOODEAR	55/
	GRACE NR	34/
1	GRAN LAGER	63/
4	GREYLAND	33/
0	GRUMMAN	20/
2	GULF RES-C	37/
6	HALLIBURTON	10/
6	HALLWOOD	0
0	HANDLEMAN	26/
0	HANNA MIN	16/
3	HARMON	33/
3	HARRIS CP	35/
7	HECLA MIN	30/
4	HEIMZ HJ	60/
6	HEN CURTIS	30/
6	HELM-PAULES	48/
6	HEM-RHYNE	48/
7	HEW-CL	50/
7	HEXCEL CP	30/
3	HILLENBRND	38/
0	HILTN	107/
1	HILTAH	115/
4	HINDYKE MIN	13/
7	HYST-HARIN	17/
0	HOLIDAY C -	66/33
5	HOMEPET	31/
5	HOMEFED CP	28/
1	HONDA MOTR	89/
1	HONEYTHILL	43/
6	HOUSTON IN	34/
6	HUGHES SUP	39/
7	HUMANA INC	38/
0	IBM	117/
7	ICH PHARMA	6/
7	ILL PHR CO	61/
7	ILLIN 4-08	0
7	INDIA GROW	13/
7	INGRSSL-RA	47/
7	JEFF PILOT	39/
7	JER PW 8-5	0
7	JOHNSON CN	38/
7	JOHNSW-JNS	53/
7	K MART CP	41/
7	KAN CI P-L	34/
7	KELLWOOD	32/
7	KERR MCGEE	48/
7	KEYSTONE	18/
7	KIMB-CLARK	69/
7	KLM R D A1	26/
7	KON RID NWS	57/
7	KROGER CP	18/

59/0	N STA PUR	1
7/5	ANT INTERG	1
34/3	NBI CORP	1
30/4	NCR CORP	4
69/0	NEW ENGL	2
45/10	NEW PLR	1
18/1	NEWELL CO	4
18/14	NEWMONT MI	4
41/1	NEWMONT GLD	1
57/3	NI MORG-10	1
11	NI MORG-72	1
26/2	NICOR INC	1
55/3	NI INDS	1
35/6	NOBLE AFF	1
55/3	NORD RESOU	1
25/2	NORFOLK	1
30/4	NORTON	5
10/1	NORDIC CORP	6
37/0	NUCOR CORP	1
5/1	OAK INDS	2
29/0	OCC PETRCL	2
59/1	OCEAN DRILL	2
16/1	ODEN CORP	3
26/7	OH ED CO	2
13/3	OHIO MATT	3
33/6	OLIM CORP	1
30/0	OMNICARE	1
40/4	ORION PICT	2
49/6	PAINE M&B	1
28/8	PAN AM	1
57/6	PANHANDLE	1
29/6	PAPER ELEC	1
38/3	PARKER DR	1
104/6	PARKER HAN	3
16/16	PATROK PET	1
17/2	PC INDS-90	2
13/7	PENN CENTR	2
69/3	PENNZOIL	8
31/5	PEOPLES EN	1
39/4	PEPSICO	5
28/2	PERKIN-ELM	2
43/6	PFIZER	6
89/1	PHELPS DOD	6
34/5	PHILIP MOR	15
19/1	PHILIPS PE	2
38/6	PINNACLE W	1
6/2	PITM-BOMES	5
16/2	PITTSOFT	2
13/4	PPG INDS	4
48/0	PRIME CORP	1
39/1	PRIME TINS	3
87/0	PRIMERICA	2
53/2	PROCTER GN	11
41/0	PUGET SP-L	2
43/2	PULTE HOME	16
32/7	QUAKER OAT	65
34/7	QUAKER COR	15
48/6	QUANTUM CH	95
18/14	RAIS PURIN	46
28/5	RAMADA INN	13
65/7	RANGER OIL	5
57/4	RAYCHEM	38
18/14	RAYNARK	1

33	SEA CONT
37/6	SEAGRAM CO
80	SEAGULL EN
2/1	SEARS RO
62/1	SEARS RO
27/3	SEAV CORP
27	SEA STH PAC
40/6	SHELL TRAN
34/0	SHERN PLOW
62/3	SHERN-MILL
80/0	SHUTT INTL
11/0	SNAP ON TL
40/4	SONAT INC
25/4	SOUTHERN
14/6	SPATH FUND
25/4	SQUIRE D
25/4	SQUIBB
57/5	STONE CONT
49/7	SUN CO
62/6	SUNDRSTRAM
2	SUNSH MIN
27/5	SUPER VAL
20/3	SOUTHWEST
32/7	SW GAS
23/0	SUN BEL
15/1	TBCT ENY
66/2	TDK
8/7	TECO ENERG
21/3	TEKTRONIX
22/7	TELETYPE
29/0	TELETYPE IN
13/6	TERNADO INC
7/2	TESORO PET
30/7	TEXACO
7/0	TEXAS INST
95/0	TEXAS UTIL
26/7	THOMAS INTL
80/3	TIDEWATER
23/2	TIME INCOR
59/7	TIMKEN
28/4	TORCHMARK
64/7	TOSCO
69/3	TOTS & US
159/4	TRANSAMER
22/6	TRANSCO EN
11/6	TRANSCO EX
51/0	TRAVELLERS
20/4	TRINITY IN
48/0	TV CORP
25/2	TXJ COMP
44/5	UNIT CORP
18/0	UTO BRAND
33/2	UTO TECH
27/5	UNILEVER
117/3	UNION CAMP
21/4	UNION CARB
16/5	US SHOE
65/4	USX CP
15/5	US WEST
44/5	US AIR CP
96/0	VALERO EN
14/0	VALLEY INTL
5/2	VARCO INTL
38/3	VARIAN ASS
1,12	V PNT PEPP

207/2	52/2
193/3	30/3
166/4	39/4
21/5	64/5
23/3	23/5
42/7	42/5
74/5	74/5
34/6	34/7
12/6	12/6
35/2	35/2
42/1	42/2
28/5	28/5
14/7	35/5
11/8	11/7
52/6	52/4
29/2	29/7
59/5	59/5
78/6	79/5
3/5	3/5
30/1	30/5
27/1	27/5
15/7	15/7
57/3	57/3
25/4	25/4
43/4	42/5
27/2	27/2
22/5	22/5
62/5	376/6
12/2	62/1
30/3	30/3
12/2	12/2
10/3	10/3
53/1	53/1
35/5	35/5
41/6	41/7
33/3	33/2
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32/5	32/5
43/4	43/6
77/4	47/6
12/1	12/1
44/5	44/5
43/7	43/6
35/2	35/5
19/2	19/4
15/4	211/5
47/5	17/1
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71/3	71/5
40/6	40/6
19/7	28/7
19/7	19/5
53/6	35/1
37/2	73/3
53/5	53/5
16/4	16/6
4/6	1, 08
4/6	4/7
28/1	28/1
56/5	56/5

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1962.3	1957.0 1957.0	1707.9	1455.3
FT 500 SNR	9.86	320.58 12.74	1182.7	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1191.07	191.07 1184.92	1076.15	926.59
FT GDC SEC	87.34	86.87 86.87	87.30	87.03
FT GOLD MN	198.20	202.40 202.90	190.2	161.9
FT MINES F	707.88	707.88 700.89	653.25	565.31
FT OIL	2197.3	2197.3 2180.2	1978.9	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	153.79	153.05 154.94	141.17	139.21
FT WLD STG	141.84	140.50 139.73	123.81	115.30
FT WLD LOC	145.11	144.26 144.32	129.77	123.40

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS OFF DAY'S HIGHS ON PROFIT TAKING

LONDON, AUG 8, REUTER - SHARE PRICES WERE OFF THE DAY'S HIGHS IN FAIRLY QUIET LATE AFTERNOON BUSINESS ON LIGHT PROFIT TAKING AFTER THE MARKET'S RECENT STRONG GAINS.

ONE TRADER SAID, "WALL STREET'S NOT REALLY DOING ANYTHING DRAMATIC. I'VE SEEN A FEW SELLERS HERE BUT THERE'S NO REAL MOVEMENT."

HE ADDED, "IF THE STREET (WALL STREET) IS FIRMER TONIGHT WE MIGHT GET A LEAD FROM THAT BUT THERE'S NO STRONG DIRECTION AT THE MOMENT."

SOME STOCKS WHICH TRADE IN AMERICAN DEPOSITORY RECEIPT FORM WERE FIRM. GLAXO WAS 13P HIGHER AT 1,530, FISOONS GAINED 2P TO 359. HOWEVER RACAL TRIMMED RECENT GAINS TO STAND 5P DOWN AT 435. BRITISH AIRWAYS WAS 3P STRONGER AT 201 HELPED BY

GRAND METROPOLITAN WAS 4P STRONGER AT 622. IT WILL BUY UNITED BISCUITS'S RESTAURANTS FOR 180 MLN STG. UNITED BISCUITS GAINED A PENNY TO 405.

London Gold

LONDON, AUG 8, REUTER - GOLD BULLION SAW EARLIER SMALL GAINS WIPED OUT IN LATE AFTERNOON DEALINGS AND CLOSED UNCHANGED AT 365.25/365.75 DRS AN OUNCE.

DEALERS SAID THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DOLLAR REMAINED THE KEY INFLUENCE. PRICES HAD INITIALLY RISEN SLIGHTLY AS THE U.S. CURRENCY SUFFERED A TEMPORARY SETBACK BUT ONCE IT HAD STABILISED BEARISH SENTIMENT ABOUT THE METAL REASSERTED ITSELF.

GOLD WAS FIRST FIXED AT 366.20 DLRs AND THEN PEAKED AT 366.50/367.00 BEFORE EASING BACK TO AN AFTERNOON FIX OF 365.90. "THE HOSTAGE SITUATION HAS CALMED DOWN SO IT'S BACK TO WATCHING THE DOLLAR," ONE DEALER COMMENTED.

London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 8, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES WERE EASIER AT THE CLOSE ESPECIALLY AT THE LONGER END WHERE ONE YEAR MONEY WAS OFFERED 3/16 POINT LOWER THAN LATE YESTERDAY ON THE BACK OF A FIRMER POUND AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF YESTERDAY'S BRITISH ECONOMIC DATA.

STERLING CLOSED 0.5 POINT FIRMER ON ITS TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX AT 92.1 BOLSTERED BY ITS POSITIVE INTEREST RATE DIFFERENTIAL. DEALERS SAID THE MARKET WAS ALSO HELPED BY THE LARGE DOWNWARD REVISION YESTERDAY TO U.K. JUNE RETAIL SALES VOLUME

"IT'S TAKEN SOME TIME TO SINK IN," SAID ONE TRADER, "BUT THE FIGURES WERE ENCOURAGING FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR A RATE CUT."

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
DLR -----	1.6230/37	1.8955/65	6.4155/85	OPEN
STG -----	1.6230/40	3.0790/825	1.4085/230	NOON
DMK -----	1.8931/9011	-----	29.48/64	FIX
FFR -----	6.4135/4255	10.411/429	337.99/38.63	FIX
STG -----	1.6315/6325	2.6463/6495	85.96/86.06	NOON
DMK -----	2.1395	3.4730	25.41/44	NOON
FFR -----	-----	112.765	33.33	FIX
STG -----	-----	2.07501	7.03076	CLOSE
DMK -----	1.26679	0.789868	8.20310	NOON
FFR -----	13.09/10	225.47/78	-----	NOON
STG -----	59.8, 84.6	03.08/1989	OTHERS	03.08/1989

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	337.30	335.70	335.10	259.3
AUSTRIA	356.90	354.10	343.20	215.4
BELGIUM	465.80	466.10	464.20	260.2
CANADA	433.00	433.00	435.20	350.7
DEMOCRATIC REP. OF CONGO	750.00	763.00	680.00	464.3
FRANCE	520.40	523.20	526.90	288.5
GERMANY	248.90	249.00	247.50	156.6
HONG KONG	1910.3	1922.3	1970.7	1644.3
FINLAND	123.10	124.40	124.20	108.1
ITALY	547.00	543.30	537.00	377.4
JAPAN	1549.1	1546.5	1549.1	1022.3
HOLLAND	307.00	308.30	328.00	235.9
NEW ZEAL	107.00	105.50	101.50	98.3
NORWAY	768.50	768.70	784.90	392.4
SPORE	778.60	775.70	782.80	473.1
SPAIN	262.80	262.10	260.90	209.5
SWEDEN	1447.2	1455.1	1455.5	856.8
SWITZER	230.50	228.40	228.40	140.7
U K	706.90	702.80	697.50	515.7
U S A	314.00	317.40	317.40	270.9
WORLD	543.70	542.00	545.40	408.0
E A F E	988.60	991.50	999.90	737.5

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BNK BSN-A	37/3
BNK N-YORK	54/1
BNK TR-NY	53/6
BKNAMERICA	31/5
BKNAM SPEC	6/5
BOEING CO	53/0
BOISE CASC	47/2
BND IN GLD	7/7
BORDEN	72/7
BOMATE	31/6
BR TELECOM	42/0
BRIGGS-SYR	28/0
BRIST-HYER	47/2
BRUNSWICK	16/5
C 3 INC	4/4
C HUD G-EL	22/5
CABOT CORP	40/0
CAESARS NO	38/0
CA FREIGHT	23/1
CAS NAT GS	17/5
CAST-COOKS	45/0
CATERPI TR	63/6
CSI IND	32/2
CBS	219/6
CENTEL CP	52/0
CHAMP INTL	37/6
CHARTER CO	4/3
CHASE MAN	39/2
CHIEFED CP	38/3
CHIEF BK	39/0
CHEVRON	55/5
CHIC MILK	0
CHRYSLER	24/7
CHUBB CORP	78/2
CHUR FR CH	5/1
CIGNA CORP	63/4
CIR MILACR	21/1
CIR CITY S	24/2
CIRCLE K	11/3
CITICORP	32/6
CLARK EQUI	43/0
CLOREX	44/3
CMPELL RES	12
CM SPAC	53/2
CD PACIFIC	22/4
COACHMEN	8/7
COASTAL	43/2
COCA-COLA	67/0
COLECO	*15
COLEMAN CO	0
COL-GALIN	57/3
COLUM GAS	45/5
COM PSTY CE	37/2
COM EDISON	38/7
CONAGRA	37/3
CON EDISON	27/4
CONTIMENTA	37/7
CONTEL INC	*02
CONTEL CP	62/1
CON DATA	20/5
CONS RAIL	40/0
COOPER T-R	35/5
COOPER COR	2/6
CORNING IN	42/2
CRAI RES	45/0
CULLINET	9/3
DANA CORP	42/2
DANIEL IND	13/1
DATA GEN	17/3
DAYTON HUD	58/5
DEERE CO	99/0
DELTA AIR	75/3
DIAMOND SH	20/6
DIEBOLD	45/0
DISNEY W	12/4
DOVER CORP	39/1
DOW CHEM	96/1
DOW JONES	39/4
DRESSER IN	45/2
DREYFUS	33/2
DUKE POWER	52/6
DUN BRAD	59/3
DUPONT	119/3
DYNALUC	0
DYNAMICS	22/7
E SYSTEMS	34/0
EAGLE PICH	13/7
EASTERN EN	51/6
EASTWELL	37/0
ELMERSON RA	6/3
ETWYL CP	27/2
EXKON	45/4
FAM DOL ST	12/4
FEN WAT MO	96/2
FILMCREST	28/5
FLEETWOOD	28/3
FLENCING CO	36/6
FLM CORP	0
FORD MOTOR	50/5
FOSTER NHL	20/4
FROED INC	17/7
FRECH MC OG	5/2
FST BAK	25/2
FST CHICAG	47/5
FST INTERS	17/0
FST MISSIP	14/2
GANNETT CO	48/5
GAP STORES	46/5
GALVESTON	0
GATX CORP	62/4
GEN DATA	5/0
GEN DYNMCS	58/2

Wall Street Statistics * Composite

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
PAN AM CP	4 1/4	+	1/4	WAT LAB B	6 5/8	+	7/8
IBM	119 1/8	+	1 3/4	BAG INDS	14	+	1/8
USX CORP	35 3/4	+	5/8	ECHO BAY	16 3/4	+	1/8
UNION CARB	29 1/8	+	1/4	AMDAHL CP	15 1/2	+	1/4
DOM CREB	67 1/4	+	1 3/4	TEXAS AIR	16 1/2	+	3/8
DIGITAL EQ	101 5/8	+	3 5/8	IBM SCOR	13 7/8	+	7/8
COMP ASSOC	19 1/2	+	1/8	BOLAR CO	22 3/4	+	3/4
PLACER DOM	16 3/8	-	3/8	SIERRA HEA	8 1/8	+	1/4
GEN ELEC	58 7/8	-	1/8	MAGNA CORP	6 1/4	-	1/8
GEN MOTORS	45		UNCH	ELSIKORE	1/2		UNCH

Wall Street Market Report

NEW YORK: Aug 8, (Reuters): US blue chips moved higher at midday, helped by continued interest in airline and technology issues. Prices have traded in a tight range so far today, held back by profit-taking following Monday's 42-point rise. However, analysts said they expect share prices to challenge their old highs shortly.

The Dow rose six to 2701, above an area considered by some to represent psychological resistance. Losers outnumbered gainers narrowly. "I think we'll go up to 2722 (the old record)," said Andrew Riley, a Yamaichi International portfolio strategist. "It's not that far away."

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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International Bond Highlights

ZURICH: Japan's Hokkaido Bank Ltd is issuing 200 mln Swiss francs in convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1/2 pct and with a put option; lead manager Swiss Bank Corp said. The bond is priced at par and matures on Sept 30, 1993. The put option on Sept 30, 1991 is indicated at 107-3/4 pct to give a premium of 4.072 pct.

London: Electricite de France is issuing a further 50 mln dirtranche of its March 8, 1989 Eurobond which will carry a coupon of 8-1/2 pct and is priced at 106-5/8 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd said. The tranche brings to 550 mln dir the total amount outstanding.

Zurich: Merrill Lynch International and Co. is issuing 150,000 covered warrants for registered shares of Nestle SA, lead manager Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG said. Each warrant costs 118 francs. Ten warrants can be exercised into one share at a price of 8,700 francs between Sept 6, 1989 and March 6, 1991.

Tokyo: Japanese investors should show moderate demand for US treasury notes today and Wednesday due to stable yen-dollar rates and attractive yields, bond managers said. They may buy 25 pct of the 10 billion dir of three-year notes today and the 9.75 billion of 10-year paper on Wednesday.

Paris: The French treasury said it will offer 12 billion francs of bills at its next tender on Wednesday Aug 16. The treasury will offer six billion francs of 13-week bills, plus three billion each of 26-week and 52-week bills.

BOMBAY

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	30	30.50	30.25	NAT ORG	--	--	--
ACC	264	259	246.50	GRASIM	109.25	108	110.50	HIPPON	40	39	38.50
ALLEN CHEN	--	--	--	GSFC	160	158.75	158.75	MOCIL	950	950	930
ALW NIS	--	--	--	GLJ ALKIL	68	67.50	70	ORVAL	14.25	13.75	15
ART FAB	--	--	--	GLJ HEAVY	10.50	9.50	10.50	OSUAL AGRO	71	70	70
ASHOK LEY	65	60	65	HERO NINDA	19	18	19	PEICO	18.50	18	18.50
ASIA PAINT	192.50	192.50	192.50	HIND CIBA	790	800	795	PFIZER	61	58	60
ATLAS COP	33	32.50	34	HIND COCOA	110.50	109	110	PONDS	158	160	153.75
AUTO CORP	63	64	68	HIND LEVER	91.50	91	91.50	PREN AUTO	52	51.50	51.75
BAJAJ AUTO	318.75	318.75	315	HIND MOTOR	30.25	30.50	28.50	RAMBAX	75	72.50	75
BAR RAYON	525	522.50	522.50	HINDALCO	252.75	238.75	231.25	RAY MOOL	84	83	84
BK BOND	79	76	78	ROCHIST	730	720	730	RECKITT	175	170	175
BLOM PLAST	--	--	--	IND ORG	37.50	37	37	RELIANCE	115	111.50	111
BOM OYE	118.50	118.50	117	HIND RAYON	77	77	77.50	SESA GOA	36	38	35
BSE INDEX	719.61	715.50	715.50	INDRUL	263.75	262.50	257.50	SHAW WALL	--	--	--
BURR VEL	187.50	182.50	185	INDERSOLL	385	382.50	387.50	SHREE CEN	--	--	--
CANSAHAR	--	--	--	ITC	109	108	108	SHRI FIB	76	72	74
CEN ENKA	2715	2725	2750	KI SYN	74	73	73.50	STEWENS	67	65	67
CEN SPG	1945	1945	1930	KIR ENGG	137.50	137.50	135	SPIC	1170	1170	1140
COLGATE	305	306.25	301.25	KIR CUM	61.25	59	62.25	STILLS	43	43.50	44.50
CROMY GR	1310	--	--	KSB PUMPS	370	360	370	TATA CHEN	327.50	325	327.5
DOM	11.50	10	11	L-AND T	110.50	109.50	110	TATA CHILL	115	115	115
DEEP FERT	28	28.25	25	LIPTON	66	68	66	TATA OIL	70	67.50	70
DUNLOP	58	76	78	MAC RUSSEL	106.25	106.25	105	TATA POW	337.50	337.50	330
EI HOTELS	66	56	58	MAC COATS	100	100	100	TELCO	996.25	992.50	982.5
ESKORTS	66.50	65.50	66	MAHINDRA	88	88.50	88	THRAP AGRO	--	--	--
ESKATF	113.75	112.50	112.50	MAC SHARE	15.25	15.25	15.50	TISCO	1266	1257	1253
ESKAR SPG	25.50	25.50	25.50	MICO	600	590	595	VAN-ORG	152.50	153	150
FORSEL	158	157.50	156.25	MILKFOOD	190	190	190	VARELI	21.75	21.25	22.50
FORBES	48	46.25	46.25	MILKOT	83.75	83	80	VOLTA	850	825	85
GE POLY	66.50	66.50	64.25	MRF LTD	332.50	327.50	325	WINDO	15.50	16	15.50
GE SHIPPING	38.35	38	38.25	MUK IROM	125	124	123	ZENITH	52	51	52
GLINDIA	84	84	83.50	NAT INDEX	369.20	367.28	367.28	ZUARI AGRO	69	68	70

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
ABG	219.5	224.5
ALLIANZ VR	2182.5	2175.0
BAUENBERG	227.0	231.0
BAYER	318.0	301.0
BAYER NYF	417.0	421.0
BAYER VER	395.0	401.0
BBC	480.0	471.0
BIF	459.0	460.0
BIM	603.5	590.0
COMETZBK	262.0	259.7
CONIT GUM	326.5	324.5
DAIEMER BEN	821.5	811.0
DEUTSC BK	682.7	674.0
DLW	542.0	549.0
DRESDNER B	367.3	364.0
FZ INDEX	205.5	201.5
FELDMUELE	60.48	60.48
GOLDMUELE	392.5	390.0
GOLDMUELE	429.8	427.0
HARPER	454.0	453.0
HOECHST AG	304.1	305.2
HOESCH	240.0	244.5
HORTEN	284.0	277.0
HUSSEL HLD	654.0	650.0
KALZ SALZ	218.0	218.5
KARSTADT	604.0	597.0
KALFHOFF	510.0	499.0
KLOECK H	195.8	193.0
KLOECK U	160.0	158.0
LIND	798.5	775.0
LUFTHANSA	179.0	179.0
MAN	354.0	344.5
MANHESMAN	268.0	244.4
MERCEDES	657.0	638.0
METALLGES	486.5	488.5
NORDORF PF	369.5	366.5
NORSK NYD	39.60	39.50
PHILIP HOF	572.0	574.0
PORSCHE	806.5	797.5
PREUSSAG	292.8	292.2
PIA	312.5	308.5
RHEINMETAL	410.0	406.5
RME	334.5	332.0
RME P	277.2	267.5
SALAMANDER	380.0	370.0
SCHERING	765.0	769.9
SEL	367.0	355.2
SIEMENS	618.5	614.0
THYSEN	232.2	234.8
VARTA	383.0	380.0
VEBA	334.5	334.5
VEW	201.5	193.0
VOLKSWAGEN	469.0	456.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
BANK EA	14.70	14.60
CATRYN	8.50	8.35
CAVENISH	297	295
CHEUNG K	8.25	8.00
CHINA L-P	12.00	11.90
DAIRY FARM	745	735
EVERGOLD	2.25	2.17
GT EAGLE	0	0
H S INDEX	563.77	563.77
HAECO	20	19
HANG LUNG	4.95	4.72
HENDERSON	5.40	5.25
HK BANK	5.45	5.45
HK ELEC	7.80	7.65
HK GAS	17.20	17.20
HK LAND	8.25	8.15
HK TELECOM	4.87	4.82
HK-S HOTEL	5.10	4.97
HONGKONG	2.62	2.50
HS BANK	20.70	20.70
HUTCHINSON	8.50	8.30
HYSON DEV	1.36	1.33
JAR MATH	20.30	20.20
JSH	11.80	11.60
KW BUS	7.40	7.30
LAI SUN	135	132
MANDARIN O	6.00	5.90
NEW WORLD	10.30	9.90
PAUL Y CON	1.96	1.93
SIN PROP	11.10	10.60
STELL	2.22	2.15
TAI CHEUNG	16.00	15.70
TV-B	3.97	3.82
TV-C	0.95	0.94
UNION	9.00	8.85
WINDOR	8.80	8.75
WORLD INTL	3.82	3.70

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AIJINOMOTO	2840	2820
AKAI ELEC	750	750
AKAI	1370	1370
ASAHI BLS	2360	2360
ASAHI OPT	990	990
BAIK TOKYO	1750	1750
BRIDGESTON	1700	1660
CANON	1810	1760
CASIO CORP	1440	1420
CHUGAI PHM	1930	1980
CITIZEN W	1110	1110
D-ICHI KAN	3470	3490
DAI NIP K	910	914
DAI NIP PT	2380	2360
DAI NIP T	1370	1260
DAI NIP TO	985	995
DAICEL	1100	1120
DAIWA SEC	2680	2640
DAIWA SEC	2300	2330
DAIWA SEC	2310	2300
EISAI	2090	2110
FUJITSU	1610	1580
FUJITSU	3620	3620
FUJITSU	4420	4230
FUJITSU	1810	1810
FUJITSU	1900	1910
HITACHI	1420	1500
HONDA MOT	1980	1970
ISETAN	2640	2590
ITO YOKADO	4300	4300
JAP SUN RU	1310	1340
JAPAN AIR	17100	17100
JAPAN MET	1090	1090
KAJIMA	2220	2220
KANSAI EL	4880	4750
KAO SOAP	1850	1850
KAWASAKI H	1180	1160
KAWASAKI S	928	937
KIRIN BEV	1980	1960
KONATSU	1290	1280
KUBATO LTD	1260	1260
KYOCERA	6660	6450
MAKITA EL	1900	1880
MARUI	3010	2930
NATSUTA EI	2410	2360
NATSUTA EL	0	2660
NEIJI SEIK	1110	1100
NITSUB CP	1590	1600
NITSUB EL	1150	1140
NITSUB EST	2490	2470
NITSUB HVT	1220	1230
NITSUI CO	1150	1140
NITSUKOSHI	2350	2360
NITSUI EL	1040	1020
NICHION	1690	1670
NINON CHMT	1160	1160
NIXCO SEC	1870	1860
NIP ELEC	1930	1910
NIP KOKKAN	828	829
NIP OIL	1450	1460
NIP STEEL	855	865
NIP YUSEN	1100	1100
NIS MOTOR	1540	1530
NOMURA SEC	3390	3370
OHBA CO	1230	1230
OLYMPUS	1540	1480
PEMBA-SON	1420	1400
PIIONEER	3850	3760
RENOWN	1170	1180
RICOH	1250	1270
SANKYO	2620	2630
SANYO ELEC	908	910
SEIYU ST	2400	2400
SEKISUI PB	2250	2260
SHARP	1450	1420
SHISEIDO	1990	1990
SONY	8500	7970
SUNITOMO	1520	1520
TAKESHI	1700	1700
TAISEI	1520	1520
TAISHO PHM	2490	2510
TAKEDA CH	964	976
TEIJIN	964	976
TKO NEW IX	624.70	615.48
TOKIO MHI	2170	2170
TOKYO ELEC	1230	1210
TOKYO GAS	1140	1130
TOKYO POKR	6270	6210
TORAY IND	1000	1000
TOSHIBA EL	1340	1340
TOTO	2600	2570
TOYO KOGY	1040	1050
TOYOTA MOT	2560	2530
YAMAHA	1540	1520
YAMATITCI	1860	1890
YAMANOCHI	3790	3790
YAMAZAKI	1730	1680

INFLATION

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
PRODUCER PRICES	+0.7 PCT	+0.6 PCT	+0.2 PCT	8/18
MOSE-TRADE	+0.4 PCT	+0.9 PCT	-0.1 PCT	8/11
	-8.26 BLN	-10.24 BLN	8/17	

C/A BAL OF PAYMENT

2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	1ST QTR	2ND QTR
-30.15 BLN	-29.17 BLN	-32.02 BLN	-27.63 BLN	(8/21)
GNP (1ST REV. 8/20)	+2.5 PCT	+2.4 PCT	+3.7 PCT	+1.7 PCT
GNP DEFLATOR	+5.3 PCT	+4.2 PCT	+4.0 PCT	+4.9 PCT

APR

LEADING IND	MAY	JUN	JUL	9/1
PERSONAL INC	+0.6 PCT	-1.3 PCT	-0.1 PCT	8/30
UNEMPLOYMENT	5.3 PCT	5.2 PCT	5.3 PCT	5.2 PCT
EMPLOYMENT	+117,000	207,000	250,000	+169,000
HOUSING STARTS	+1,359 MLN	+1,311 MLN	+1,400 MLN	8/16
IND PRODUCTION	+0.6 PCT	-0.1 PCT	-0.2 PCT	8/16
CONSUMER CREDIT	+2.49 BLN	+3.60 BLN	8/8	
RETAIL SALES	+1.0 PCT	+0.1 PCT	-0.4 PCT	8/11
INVENTORIES	+0.8 PCT	+0.7 PCT	8/14	
DURABLE GOODS	+3.2 PCT	+4.4 PCT	-0.3 PCT	8/22

TRADE BALANCES

PROVISIONAL	LATEST MONTH	PREV. MONTH	YEAR AGO
BELGIUM/LUX	MAR* +13.0	+19.5	-0.8
CANADA	MAR* +12.9	+41.7	+1.10
FRANCE	MAY -2.8	-6.7 R	-0.9
ITALY	MAY -2.118	-1.663	-383
JAPAN-US DLRS	JUN +6.44	+5.06	+7.39
NETHERLANDS	JUN* +1.1	+0.2	+6.7
NETHERLANDS	JUN* -0.979	-1.152	-0.804
U.S.	JUN* -1.49	-1.32	-0.95
U.S.	APR -8.26	-9.54	-8.80
W.GERMANY	JUN* +13.9	+10.5	+14.2

Detroit company to build US plant

DETROIT, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Australia's Orbital Engine Co yesterday announced plans to build a \$250 million plant in Michigan to produce a new light-weight, fuel-saving two-stroke engine to power small cars and motorboats.

Analysts said the engine, which is set to show up first on autos built overseas, may power American cars in the mid-1990s if US automakers adopt the technology.

Orbital said the new engine has significantly higher fuel economy and lower emissions than conventional engines.

Orbital chairman Ralph Sarich, a maverick millionaire inventor, said the company will convert a General Motors Corp plant in tiny Raisin township, about 50 miles (80 km) south of Detroit, to build the Orbital Combustion Process (OCP) engine.

The plant will employ 700 workers when it opens in 1992 at the site near Tecumseh, Michigan. It will first produce marine engines and in 1993 will produce engines for small cars.

"To launch a new technology isn't easy. There is a lot of entrenched conservatism that you have to overcome," said Sarich, who has been working on the engine for the past seven years.

The OCP engine is a three-cylinder, two-stroke engine that analysts said could be a significant development for the world auto industry. Its inventors say it weighs half as much as a conventional engine and provides 50 per cent more fuel economy while emitting fewer pollutants.

Sarich said the engine's carbon dioxide emissions, which contribute most heavily to the "greenhouse effect," would be reduced by 30 per cent, while nitrogen oxide emissions would be cut by 80 per cent and carbon monoxide emissions by 90 per cent.

He said the engine's pollution levels would allow it to meet any world emissions standards, including those in President George Bush's new clean air act proposals. Concerns about pollution were said to have hindered development of two-stroke engines in the past.

Maputo unable to pay back debt

MAPUTO, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Mozambique, struggling to rebuild a war-shattered economy, says it cannot pay back its foreign debt of \$4 billion and wants more Western creditors to write off chunks of it or agree to easier payment terms.

"We have been trying to convince creditor nations that Mozambique cannot pay the debt," Bank of Mozambique Governor Enes Comiche told Reuters in an interview.

Mozambique's foreign debt totalled \$4.2 billion at the end of 1988.

The Paris Club of Western creditor governments agreed in June 1987 to reschedule part of the debt. Mozambique has since made bilateral agreements with seven Paris Club nations to write off debt or grant concessionary interest rates, Comiche said.

Mozambique says it cannot pay commercial rates and is asking creditors to accept interest at around two per cent.

Comiche said more help was needed to lighten the debt to allow the government to concentrate on developing the economy.

"What we are asking for is that the example shown by those nations which forgave debts or made concessions should be followed by others," he said. Individual agreements remained to be made with seven other Paris Club creditors before fresh rescheduling negotiations could begin.

Mozambique's exports in 1988 totalled a meagre \$98.3 million against imports of 764 million and it has a ratio of debt servicing to exports of around 240 per cent, one of the highest in the world among low-income debtor nations.

Comiche said the government was trying to reduce this to a 50 per cent ratio through rescheduling.

The main cause of Mozambique's debt problem, he said, was the guerrilla war waged by South African-backed rebels that had cost the nation \$15 billion over the last decade in damage to the economy and lost revenue.

Poverty greatest threat to world peace, stability: study

VIENNA, Aug. 8. (OPECNA): Poverty is the greatest threat to world peace and stability which together can provide a basis for sustained development, according to OPEC's latest monthly "Bulletin" issued here today.

In an editorial commenting on the launching of the United Nations Common Fund for Commodities (CFC), it says that as long as half the world "wallows in debt" and the other half in wealth, "then peace, the desire of all mankind, will continue to be a mirage."

It urges the rich countries to "act fast" in bringing about much-needed change. Better commodity prices were a necessary

condition for easing the debt crisis. OPEC had provided "living proof" that developing nations could act together to improve their terms of trade and ultimately obtain a better deal from the world's more prosperous nations.

The organisation's very existence had acted "as a beacon" for institutions and bodies like the common fund, which had taken 14 years to become a reality and was "long overdue."

As the world's leading association of commodity producers, OPEC welcomed its formation. The OPEC fund for International Development had pledged a sub-

stantial amount of start-up finance to the institution by agreeing to pay the subscriptions of the world's 35 poorest countries.

The editorial stresses: "Let there be no illusions, any child of the new international economic order will need all the help it can get from its friendly uncles, for the world into which it has been born is a changed one, where the climate of opinion towards North-South co-operation has cooled considerably since the mid-70s."

Its arrival had come when hopes for the reform of a manifestly unfair commodity trading system had largely withered. False signals from the markets had continued to

cause the familiar "glut-and-famine cycles," while the "burgeoning debt crisis" had worsened the economic plight of not only the poorest nations, but also many which were considered to be moving away from the poverty trap.

Even some OPEC member countries, which were on the fringe of economic and industrial breakthrough due to their oil resources, had not been exempt from this trend.

"It has taken 14 years for the common fund to become a reality. Hopefully, it will not take another 14 before it can begin to show some positive results," it concludes.

Cairo holds talks with World Bank

Egypt seeks loan

CAIRO, Aug. 8. (Agencies): Egypt has begun talks with the World Bank on its appeal for funds to help to ease its balance of payments problems, government sources said today.

Local newspapers said Egypt was seeking a loan of \$300 million to help to cope with its balance of payments deficit, estimated at about \$2 billion a year. In theory, it could be eligible for a much bigger loan.

The sources said a delegation from the World Bank would hold several days of talks with Egyptian officials. They gave no further details.

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have linked fresh monetary assis-

lance to Egypt's progress in reforming its debt-ridden economy.

Economic experts said some measures taken by Cairo, including a pledge to cut its budget deficit, appeared to have met many IMF and World Bank demands.

Egypt last month raised a special customs rate for the dollar to realistic market levels, in an apparent bid to win IMF approval.

But the decision, announced by Finance Minister Mohammed Al Razaz, was coupled with a cut of up to 35 per cent in customs duties which in effect cancels out the effect on customs

Newspapers said the former customs rate of 1.89 pounds to the dollar will now be set according to the monthly average of the official free market exchange rate, set daily by a pricing committee.

The move is apparently aimed at enhancing Egypt's prospects for an IMF accord which would pave the way for rescheduling \$4 billion of its \$50-billion foreign debt.

It is also trying to persuade the United States that it is serious in its reform efforts. The United States is withholding about \$230 million in cash transfers over two years.

The IMF has repeatedly called on Egypt to unify its multiple

exchange rate system. Egypt also has a government rate of \$0.70 to the dollar for internal accounting and tallying commodity import prices.

The IMF has demanded that Egypt cut its budget deficit and encourage investment. Egypt has vowed to cut the deficit but said that reforms must be implemented gradually.

Officially the deficit is to be cut to \$4.9 billion (\$1.9 billion) this year from \$7.2 billion (\$2.8 billion) last year. Real figures are thought to be higher.

The government also passed a law last month to boost private sector investment by simplifying bureaucracy and improving tax breaks for new projects.

Dinar steady on free market

AMMAN, Aug. 8. (Reuters): The Jordanian currency remained firm against the dollar on the free market today, two days after the Central Bank pumped in more than \$25 million to help stabilise it, dealers said.

They said the dinar was trading at \$18 1/2 to the dollar, unchanged since Sunday but up from Saturday's widely quoted rate of 880 fils.

The Central Bank fixed the official rate at 583, unchanged from Saturday.

The Central Bank started selling dollars to the banks on Sunday in an effort to stabilise the Jordanian currency at 815/820 fils to the dollar and curb a mushrooming black market, where the dinar was trading for 860 fils today.

It began selling some of the \$16.5 million it had earmarked for banks at 815 fils and told them to sell the dollars to their customers at no more than 820.

It also began providing another \$10 million to the banks who have been told to sell them at the official rate to finance imports of some medicines, fees of Jordanian students studying abroad and subsidised food stuffs.

The move came just days after Jordan had received \$200 million in aid from Saudi Arabia.

A week ago, the Central Bank established a two-tier system to curb the black market and encourage Jordanian expatriates to send their dollars home through the banking system.

It freed banks to trade foreign currency at market rates but instructed them to use the official rate to finance key imports.

ABC to raise its capital

NICOSIA, Aug. 8. (Reuters): The Arab Banking Corporation (ABC), Bahrain's largest off-shore bank, said it was intending to raise its capital by \$250 million to \$1 billion.

The Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency quoted ABC president Abdullahi Al-Sayid as saying the bank's board of directors approved the step at their last meeting in London.

Saudi said the bank would issue new shares for shareholders after member states ratified the proposed move.

"The increase in the capital will be used to finance the setting up of a new branch in a European capital," Saudi said.

The Bahrain-based bank is owned one-third each by Kuwait, Libya and the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority.

Saudi said completion of the move might take nine months and that the new shares will be listed on the Luxembourg stock exchange and one of the Gulf bourses.

Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain have stock exchanges. Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are planning to open exchanges.

West urged to help cut Africa's debt woes

Debts total \$230b

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug. 8. (AP): A senior Egyptian official today appealed to the Western world to help reduce Africa's heavy debt burden and said unless more attention was paid to this problem, the existence of some countries would be threatened.

Burtos Ghali, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, also said African states should co-operate among themselves before expecting help from the Western world.

The minister made the appeal while outlining to foreign reporters his country's new duties resulting from the election of President Hosni Mubarak as chairman of the Organisation of African Unity two weeks ago.

"As president of OAU, Mubarak has been mandated to seek a new strategy toward a North-South dialogue," he said referring to talks and co-operation between the industrialised countries and the impoverished African and South American states.

"What is important is to create a political will among the rich of the North to pay attention to the problems of the South."

"When you are wealthy and rich you have no time to take care of the underdogs."

Africa's foreign debts amount to \$230 billion, and the continent has some of the poorest nations



Burtos Ghali

in the world, many of them beset by civil wars or natural disasters such as droughts and floods.

He said that while Egypt welcomed the rapprochement between the United States and the Soviet Union and Western and Eastern Europe, it was concerned those countries might ignore the problems of the developing states.

"Today the United States and Europe are more interested by East-West rapprochement and we are concerned that the consequence would be marginalization of the Third World."

"The real problem is not so much of co-existence between South and North, but of existence of some countries in the (Third) World."



Richard Carey (second from left) pictured with other banking officials.

Commercial Bank arranges loan for Pamukbank

THE Commercial Bank of Kuwait is the agent for a \$20 million short-term export financing facility to Pamukbank T.A.S. Turkey. The facility was signed in Kuwait on Monday, Selahattin Serbest, Deputy General Manager of Pamukbank signed

the Agreement on behalf of the borrower and Richard K.O. Carey, General Manager signed on behalf of the bank.

Apart from Commercial Bank of Kuwait, the following financial institutions from Kuwait, Bahrain, Austria, Australia and

Italy participated in the Syndication: Arab Banking Corporation BSC, Banca Nazionale Del Lavoro, Burgan Bank SAK, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Kuwait Real Estate Bank, and Oesterreichische Laenderbank AG.

Plans to close more auto plants

Chrysler tries to cut costs

DETROIT, Aug. 8. (UPI): Chrysler Corp's plan to reduce its costs by \$1 billion by the end of 1990 may be nearly impossible to achieve, company chairman Lee Iacocca says in a generally pessimistic view of the US auto industry in the next decade.

In an interview with United Press International late last week, Iacocca also warned that more auto plants, including some Japanese "transplants" in this country, will close.

Chrysler late last month announced a plan aimed at cutting \$1 billion, or roughly \$500 a car, from its costs to increase profit levels based on forecasts of lower industry sales during the 1990s.

Chrysler recently lowered its estimate of US vehicle sales in 1989 and 1990, making them the most pessimistic of the nation's top carmakers. It is forecasting 1989 sales of about 14.6 million units, including imports, and about 14.2 million units for 1990.

Last year, 15.8 million cars and trucks were sold in the United States.

Asked what Chrysler could do if industry sales

were to decline further, Iacocca said the alternatives would be to accelerate or deepen the cuts.

"We would batten down the head... the billion out as fast as we can," he said. "But we've got lots of cash and we can weather a storm."

Part of Chrysler's cost cutting plan involves asking 2,000 of the carmaker's top managers to risk up to 10 per cent of their annual salary in a programme that would pay them back double their money, plus stock bonuses, if the company meets the \$1 billion target. If they meet half of that target, they would get only half of their money back. Anything below half would mean they lose all of the money invested in the programme.

Finding the last \$250 million in savings will be tough unless cost cutting becomes a way of life once more at Chrysler, which Iacocca said "came back from the dead" in the early 1980s.

"Unless I get everybody involved, I guess I would rejudge it and say it will be pie in the sky," Iacocca said. "You just won't get the last quarter-billion."

Merbah sees strong growth

ALGIERS, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Prime Minister Kasdi Merbah said yesterday Algeria's economy was on track this year for its best performance since 1985.

He told Algerian radio in an interview that gross domestic product (GDP) was likely to rise by between four and five per cent after three years of negative or zero growth.

"After three years of negative growth we are climbing back up," he said, citing strong performance in the first half in agriculture, construction, services and transport.

But Merbah said the economy still faced structural problems including heavy foreign debt, excess liquidity, high population growth — which he estimated at 2.8 per cent a year — and dependence on agricultural imports.

Merbah said high liquidity outside the banking sector was fueling inflation and inhibiting growth.

Merbah said that in the first half of the year, 60,000 new jobs had been created and 45,000 new housing units had been built. This meant the government would meet its 1989 targets of 90,000 new jobs and 90,000 housing units.

Unemployment and tight housing were key factors behind youth riots that shook the country last October.

Merbah said Algeria was likely to meet its target of cutting the state budget deficit to 6.7 billion dinars (\$890 million) this year from 20 billion dinars (\$2.7 billion) last year. The 1989 budget projects spending of 121.4 billion dinars (\$16 billion).

Gorbachev has failed to outline economic strategy: Yeltsin

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Soviet leaders have failed to spell out how they plan to haul the country out of its economic quagmire, outspoken Communist Party radical Boris Yeltsin said today.

In an article published in Sweden's daily Dagens Nyheter, Yeltsin said Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev and other leaders had not clearly addressed the problems in debate at the

Congress of people's deputies earlier this summer.

"Gorbachev's speeches left me dissatisfied. They did not formulate a clear radical programme for how the country is going to get out of its economic and financial crisis," Yeltsin wrote.

"And this at a critical time when we have a considerable foreign debt, see a devaluation of

the rouble and have a low standard of living with 48 million citizens living below subsistence level."

Yeltsin, sacked as Moscow party chief and removed from the ruling Politburo after criticising the slow pace of reform two years ago, said the Congress had not been the success that the Communist Party leadership claimed.

"Every time an interesting

topic was brought up another speaker tried to divert attention from it," he said.

The 2,250-member Congress was elected this spring in the first Soviet multi-candidate polls in 70 years.

Yeltsin said the Congress should have the authority to act as the highest Soviet body, with the right to question Communist Party decisions.

"The party charter says it

exists for and serves the people. But the people have their highest organ — the People's Congress. Logically the party should therefore be obliged to report to Congress," Yeltsin said.

"All of the power should be given to the People's Congress. The party is just one part of society and only has 20 million members and the people are 280 million," Yeltsin said.

Move to help boost economy

PLO to transfer fund to Jordan

AMMAN, Jordan, Aug. 8. (AP): The Palestine Liberation Organisation will transfer a fund headquarters to Jordan to help boost Jordan's troubled economy, a senior PLO official said today.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said PLO chairman Yasser Arafat was due to visit Jordan next week to inaugurate the Palestine National Fund's new headquarters.

The official Jordan news agency, Petra, reported today that the Jordanian government agreed to the PLO decision to transfer the fund headquarters to Amman.

The fund, which functions as the treasury of Fatah, the leading faction in the PLO, was based in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates after it moved from Amman in 1986.

Relations between the PLO and Jordan soured after King Hussein closed most PLO offices in the kingdom when Arafat refused to sign a joint Jordanian-Palestinian co-ordination policy, known as the 1983 February Agreement.

But relations improved after King Hussein's July 1988 decision to renounce sovereignty over the once Jordanian-ruled West Bank in favour of the PLO.

"The fund will help boost the Jordanian economy since huge amounts of PLO money will be pumped in Jordanian banks," the PLO official told the Associated Press.

The official refused to disclose the fund's capital, but said the money will be deposited with the Arab Bank, privately owned by Abdul Hamid Shoman, a distinguished Palestinian banker, and will benefit various Palestinian projects in Jordan and the occupied territories.

Jordan was granted a \$200-million donation from Saudi Arabia and an interest-free loan of \$1 billion in the form of a credit account deposited with the Central Bank of Jordan to help the country tackle its \$8.3 billion foreign debt.

Financial officials have recently hinted that more Arab aid was on the way to Jordan, but gave no details.

Japan's business boom to continue

Land prices jump

TOKYO, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Japan acknowledged today its huge trade surplus is unlikely to shrink much, if at all, but said the United States must share the blame.

"The basic trend is for exports to strengthen and for imports to increase, with the current-account surplus staying more or less the same," the Japanese government said in its annual economic White Paper.

The government has forecast that the current-account surplus, which measures trade in goods and services, will narrow to \$71 billion in the year ending next March 31, from 77.3 billion in 1988-89.

The White Paper, which was endorsed by the cabinet today, said Japanese exports were rising because demand for them world-wide remained strong.

"There are limits to the ability of Japan to solve the world imbalances by itself alone and the curbing of America's domestic demand is extremely important in reaching a solution," it said.

Japan warned that the United States could not rely on interest rate policy alone to manage its economy and repeated its call for a reduction in America's budget deficit.

"Reductions in the fiscal deficit are indispensable," the White Paper said.

Japan last year ran a \$54 billion trade surplus with the United States. The White Paper also paints a rosy picture of Japan's domestic economy. Prices are stable and the current economic upswing, already more than 30 months old, looks set to continue.

"The current business boom will last for quite some time," Tanaka said.

Japan should play a greater role in the international community by making use of its economic power and contribute more to resolving global problems, the report said.

"Japan so far has devoted all its energy to strengthening its own economy, but now it must realize its responsibility as a nation with great economic power in the world," the report said.

It added: "It is necessary for Japan to create a new economic framework by adapting its economic structure to the ongoing globalisation of its economy." The report said Japan should play a key role in various fields in the international arena and tackle such issues as environmental problems.

The report emphasised the importance for Japan to increase imports to correct its trade imbalance without stalling world economic growth. Japan's commitment to domestic demand-led economic growth is important to boost imports, it said.

The report attributed the low living standards mainly to the spiral of land prices.

Oilfields hit by theft

HONG KONG, Aug. 8. (Reuters): China's oil production is being seriously hit by theft of vital equipment that has caused fires, blowouts and large-scale electricity cuts in major fields, the China News Service said today.

The country's six major oilfields suffered material losses worth over \$160 million in 1988, the semi-official news agency said.

CNS, monitored here, said there were a total of 2,100 cases of stealing, ransacking and sabotage reported in Daqing, Shengli, Zhongyuan, Huabei, Daigang and Henan oilfields last year.

Another 850 cases were reported in the first quarter of this year and the number was increasing, the report said.

It said thieves were organising themselves into groups to co-ordinate the theft, transportation and melting down of metal equipment such as piping.

Such theft is increasing as robbery becomes a major problem in China.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 08/08/1989			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Rashid	Gh & Q	4347815
4	Marulic	Algh Barwil	4842988
5	Nikolay Shchukin	Al Rashed	2422026
6	Arafat	KSA	4843150
8	Arctic Universal	Gh&Q	4347815
9	Sparkle Sun	Gh & Q	4347815
11	Zarka	Gh&Q	4347815
14	New Topaz	Salmiyah	4745471
20	Roman Reefer	Gh&Q	4347815
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
8/8	Bribir	M. Bahar	2433881
9/8	Ville D' Oman	YAAS	4745533
9/8	Nikolay Morozov	Al Rashed	2422026
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
6	Sally	Algh Barwil	4842988
9	Oceanus	Algh Barwil	4843988
12	Dona	RMS	2423642
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
07/8	Marion	Al Kamal	2425437
09/8	Al Watayyah	UASC	

OUTLOOK

By Kathy Cuddihy

Only skin-deep

LIKE any woman who wishes she were beautiful (is beautiful but aging) is just plain aging, I have begun to take more than a passing interest in my face. Seemingly, both the interest and the maintenance programme should have got under way long ago. Perhaps the efforts should have been fairly exhaustive even then. By now I can only console myself with the sentiment of "better late than never."

Others evidently saw the onset of the decline years ago. How well I remember receiving my first sample of anti-aging cream from a cosmetician who had previously had more sense than to cross the fine line, so to speak. At that time I was only in my early 30s! That was the riveting jolt which forced me to seriously scrutinize my face. Finding no major flaws and acknowledging few minor ones, I concluded that the sales clerk had simply run out of the more youthful samples. In retrospect, he was apparently reading between the lines... so to speak.

Now in the wake of a Major Birthday, I am starting to take stock. The damage isn't totally devastating or else I wouldn't be asking myself, "Is it time yet to have a facelift?" If the answer isn't patently obvious, then surely there must be a bit of room to manoeuvre... mustn't there be?

Nevertheless, the years have made a few inroads on my face and it would make sense to think about "repaving" before the whole network caves in from all the crevices and potholes. Or am I being too reactionary? A friend insists that her mother looks fantastic because she regularly goes for a discreet nip and tuck every couple of years.

"Everyone thinks she's 'well preserved' because she makes sure she changes her hairstyle at the same time. People think it's the cut of the hairdo rather than the cut of the scalp which has such a remarkable effect."

Clever tactics, but am I ready to be described as "well preserved?" Mind you, the alternatives don't particularly thrill me. I suppose it's better to be part of the "well preserved" set than the "poor thing, she's gone to seed" set. But must I resort to surgery... yet?

A recent bathroom cupboard clean-out session offered a measure of respite. Among the wealth of goodies and not-so-goodies that had accumulated over the years, I unearthed a small treasure trove of cosmetic samples. Cosmetic samples for "tired", "aging", "wrinkled"

skin. From the careless disarray into which they had settled, I knew they had not come into my home with any degree of welcome on my part.

"\$#! + " I probably muttered. "Who does that clerk think he is anyway? And what does he think he knows about cosmetics? Or about skin types? Or about me?" Whereupon I would have tossed them into the oblivion of the cupboard as punishment for their existence... and as the definitive demonstration of my defiance.

Times change, though. And so do faces. I rediscovered this cache with an air of enthusiasm that I wouldn't have thought possible a few years ago... or more recently than that, if the truth be known.

I desperately want to believe that the wonder potions contained in all those assorted jars, tubes and vials performed exactly as their manufacturers claimed they performed. I wasn't anticipating miracles... well, not really... but surely some down-to-earth startling improvements wouldn't be too much to expect.

Of course, I'm no fool... well, not a complete fool. I don't rely entirely on

cosmetics. It goes without saying that natural aids are at least as beneficial as laboratory assistance. To this end, I eat nutritionally and get plenty of rest. Some people might say I overdo it on both counts, but they're the very ones who will probably wrinkle prematurely.

In spite of the medical warnings which currently fill fashion pages, I also love to indulge in suntanning. Not a lot and not regularly. Just enough to give my skin a healthy glow — and the illusion of perfection. For some reason, brown wrinkles look less obvious than white ones.

My husband, God love him, wonders why I bothered to concern myself with an activity which borders on vanity.

"It's what's inside that counts," he tells me. "To me you'll always be beautiful, no matter how much you disintegrate on the outside."

Thank you, sweetheart. Those are comforting words... I think. Presumably this is better than having him shake his finger at me and say, "Beauty is only skin-deep." Yet I still can't help but think that it would be nice — really nice — to have my cake and eat it.



John Cleese and Jamie Lee Curtis in 'A fish called Wanda'

Cleese humours the Yanks

Laughs across the water

By Ivor Davis

"I LIVED in America for two years. I have been married to two Americans," says British comedian John Cleese. "But I still don't feel secure telling a joke in the United States."

Cleese's unaccustomed lack of confidence stems from that much-debated, perennially asked question in comedy circles on two continents. Why is it that Brits and Yanks, who allegedly speak the same language, albeit with a different accent, don't always laugh at the same things? What makes comedy international?

"Why does 'A Fish Called Wanda' — written, produced and starring Cleese — strike it funny everywhere, while the futuristic black comedy 'Brazil' — directed by Terry Gilliam, fellow alumnus of the trans-Atlantic popular 'Monty Python's Flying Circus' — fall so flat in the United States? And what is it about Paul Hogan's Aussie sensibility in 'Crocodile Dundee' that his funny bones from Sydney to South Carolina, Southport to Senegal? Why does Eddie Murphy strike gold on both sides of the big pond with his 'Beverly Hills Cop', but struggles for laughs in the same British cities with his latest 'Coming to America'? Why are Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor hilarious to US audiences in 'See No Evil, Hear No Evil' while their humour — which Wilder likens to updated Laurel and Hardy — is inclined to fall flat in the United Kingdom?

Cleese, who has particularly struggled with the dilemma of transplanting his brand of humour to North America, seems to have managed it with 'Wanda', which had them howling on both sides of the Atlantic. That's not surprising, perhaps, because Cleese deliberately set out to include ingredients funny in both cultures.

Even with this enormously successful film, however, there were moments greeted less than enthusiastically in both countries. The British felt the ending, in which Cleese's goofy barrister got the girl (Jamie Lee Curtis), was overly sentimental, a concession to American soft-heartedness.

American audiences, on the other hand, were less than thrilled by a typically Monty Pythonesque touch involving a dog turned into pulp by a falling crate. While the British are second-to-none in their love of animals, they do have a wicked taste for black comedy, which the Americans have never cottoned to.

I recall years ago going to a performance of Joe Orton's play 'A Day in the Life of Joe Egg', a very funny, though brutal story of a young couple with a severely retarded child who coped with their pain by poking fun at it. It had been a huge success in Britain, but by

the first intermission at the performance I attended in Los Angeles, more than half the audience walked out in disgust. To that American audience there was nothing funny, no matter how cathartic, in playing a retarded child for laughs.

Recipe

"Consuming Passions," a British film released last year, told the story of a young man and his recipe for a popular chocolate that drives him to the very top of the corporate ladder. Only he knows that the secret to his confection's fabulous taste is the body that lies at the bottom of the chocolate vat. Somehow that didn't play to sweetly in the Midwest.

Of course, many British TV sitcom successes have made the move across the Atlantic to considerable acclaim, but almost invariably they've been softened up, pastured and homogenized in the process. Sometimes it works. Alf Garnett, for example, the vicious, sadistic, wife-abusing fascist protagonist of BBC TV's 'Till Death Us Do Part', became America's lovable curmudgeon/bigot Archie Bunker in 'All in the Family'. He was considerably tamer, but still funny.

One British gem that steadfastly resisted translation was Cleese's own sitcom 'Fawlty Towers' and its hysterical, panic-stricken Basil. The first time it was shown to American TV executives, they found it "too mean-spirited." They recast it with American Harvey Korman, who was capable of capturing Basil's raw nerves. That it didn't work — the US version never aired — was not in any way Korman's fault, as Cleese is the first to admit.

"Every time they did something mean, which was what made it funny," says Cleese, "they kind of corrected it, as if to say, 'It's all right folks; it's only a joke.'"

A second attempt at a 'Fawlty Towers' remake left out Basil completely and cast Bea Arthur as the irascible hotelier making her Spanish waiter's life a hell on earth.

"They missed the whole point of course," says Cleese with an exasperated smile. "What is funny about Basil's rudeness is that, by and large, it's fuelled by fear of his wife Sybil. That's why he gets into these terrible panics that produce his rage. Once you've changed the dynamic of that, never mind the gender, there was no way it could work." And of course it didn't.

Cleese's comic method with Basil Fawlty leaned heavily on the fact that British do not normally scream, shout, yell or throw things when angry. They use a layer of brittle politeness to cover the seething rage underneath. Despite Basil's best attempts, however, his

rage keeps bursting through. "That's funny," says Cleese. "Basil's a monster and yet the British feel affectionately toward him, precisely because he's so out of control."

In general, British humour is more subversive and much more wicked, often with a real savagery that makes Americans uncomfortable. Cleese says it was the basis for his early work. "I used to do a certain type of cruelty with sort of an innocence and blandness that used to make it funnier."

The British are fond of political satire, a genre that in America, as playwright George S. Kaufman once said, "is what closes on Saturday night." The British also base their humour much more on anger than do the Americans and much of that anger is related to class.

Travel

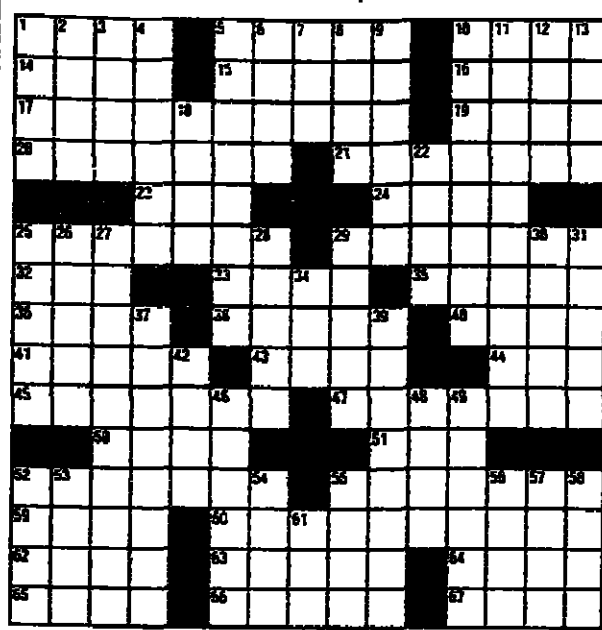
Lynn Redgrave, who will be starring opposite Jackie Mason in a new ABC comedy series 'From This Moment On', says certain types of British comedy, particularly sex farces, don't travel well. "I think the British notion and the American idea of what's funny about sex are hugely different. The British find sex very funny — the Americans take it very seriously."

A case in point is last year's 'Personal Services', starring Rita Walters. This was a subversive little tale of a London madam offering kinky sex services to the denizens of some of England's more pathetic lower orders. It was also a hard sell to American audiences. It's not that they have any objection to kinky sex, you understand, it's that apparently they like it in an atmosphere of luxury and elegance, rather than in the grubbiest of the London slums.

When talking about what tickles the British funnybone, it must be noted that humour is often class-specific. Thus the popularity of 'The Benny Hill show' and other British TV comedy derived from the old falling-trousers routines, big-bosomed blondes and raunchy double entendres, escapes the middle class in Britain, as well as leaves Americans cold.

The comedy genre that invariably crosses national and cultural lines is most certainly the subversive humour of an Eddie Murphy or, in a slightly softer case, a Paul Hogan. When Murphy's down-and-out comic artist outsmarts the Ivy Leaguers of Wall Street in 'Trading Places', the world laughs. He's the more modern, hard-edged American equivalent of the young medical interns outwitting their elders and betters in such classic British comedies as 'Doctor in the House' or 'Carry on Doctor.'

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Ancient money chest
 - 5 Wrap
 - 10 American newspaper publisher
 - 14 There are seven to sail
 - 15 Sacred writings of Islam
 - 16 Mother of Zeus
 - 17 Dance down on the farm?
 - 19 Mountain pool
 - 20 Hornies
 - 21 Frauen, in Madrid
 - 23 Sports assn.
 - 24 Crossarm, e.g.
 - 25 — Park in Manhattan
 - 29 Prime Minister Shamir, for one
 - 32 Greek letter
 - 33 New Zealand parrots
 - 35 Beginning
 - 36 Rhine feeder
 - 38 Rescued
 - 40 Put away
 - 41 Lingo of the streets
 - 43 Weight allowance
 - 44 Three — match
 - 45 Some railroad cars
 - 47 Members of an
- DOWN**
- 1 Nora and Nick's dog
 - 2 Enlis: again
 - 3 Quibble
 - 4 Sideways
 - 5 Singing birds
 - 6 Wee ones
 - 7 Hockey name of fame
 - 8 Country in Asia
 - 9 Inscapes in a ledger
 - 10 European burlings
 - 11 Palmetto State dance?
 - 12 Wife of Zeus
 - 13 — serif (typeface)
 - 18 North Sea feeder
 - 22 Singer Morales
 - 25 Good friend of Beauty
 - 26 Start of a Dickens' title
 - 27 Dance for Spider-Man?
 - 28 Irish poet William Butler
 - 29 River to the Rhone
 - 30 Sierra —
 - 31 " — just one of those things..."
 - 34 A Gardner
 - 37 Signed a check
 - 39 Afters, to an American
 - 42 Actor Hackman
 - 46 A bit off-color
 - 48 Garment in Lahore
 - 49 Banishes
 - 52 Native ruler in Africa
 - 53 Tool for a carpenter
 - 54 Sandwich stuffer

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

FOOLING THE EYE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
 ♠ A K 8
 ♥ 8 7 2
 ♦ A K 8
 ♣ A K Q 2

WEST
 ♠ Q 4 2
 ♥ Q 10 9 5
 ♦ Q 3
 ♣ J 9 5 3

EAST
 ♠ J 10 9 5 3
 ♥ Void
 ♦ J 10 9 7 6 5
 ♣ 7 6

SOUTH
 ♠ 7 6
 ♥ A K J 6 4 3
 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ 10 8 4

The bidding:
 South West North East
 2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
 3 ♣ Pass 6 ♣ Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♠
 Trump Coup Tommy earned his soubriquet early in life. Even in his college days he was noted for bumbling play except on those occasions when the trump suit broke badly. This is one of his earliest examples of how skilled he would become.

North's response of two no trump asked Tommy to describe the nature of his weak two-bid, and Tommy's three-diamond rebid showed a bad

hand but a good suit. North certainly was justified in going on to slam. It was inconceivable that there could be any loser outside the trump suit.

West's spade lead was taken in dummy and a trump to the king revealed the bad break. Most players would settle for down one, but not Tommy. He worked out that if he could score two ruffs in hand and, in the process, strip West of exit cards, he could endplay that worthy in trumps.

It might seem that the obvious cards to ruff would be a spade and a diamond. If you chose that line, West would overruff the third diamond and exit, and he would still have to score a trump trick.

Tommy realized he could not make his slam if West held fewer than three clubs. Therefore, before committing himself in the other suits, he cashed dummy's high clubs and learned that West had started with four clubs. So his first ruff was a club.

Now he had to guess whether to ruff a diamond or a spade. Here, the opening lead suggested strongly that West held at least three spades, so next came the ace-king of diamonds and the remaining spade honor. A spade ruff then reduced both declarer and West to nothing but three trumps. Tommy exited with a low heart, and West was forced to lead away from his queen into declarer's A-J tenace. Making six-odd.

55 Use a blue pencil

56 Literary lioness

57 — good

example

58 St. Petersburg resident

61 Smith and Hiri

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

CRISP LEW SCAB
 OATER ERIS COLA
 GRAVE ASTI ONDE
 ELEVENTHLETTTER
 AVE ASTIN
 CARRIERPGEON
 ONEILL OVER BAT
 SNAG ELY SEGO
 YAP RAGA OPENER
 POSTGRADUATES
 SERVE REF
 STAMPSONESFOOT
 EERO THEO IDIOT
 REEL SILL NESTS
 ADDU OLE GREEK



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>If you have quarrelled with a friend do not wait for him to make the first move towards a reconciliation. If you delay it may well be too late. Work hard but not to the point where you injure your health. Be fair.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>Have a little more faith in yourself. You should make the first move to patch up a quarrel. Avoid doing anything that might cause confusion. Take a little more care about your personal appearance. Be frank.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>Avoid trying to do by force what you could not do by charm and persuasion. Do not allow a good opportunity to slip by you. Do not hesitate to make use of labour-saving devices. Be considerate.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>You will feel rather lackadaisical and will have to make an extra effort to get things done. Nothing will go quite as you would have liked but the result will not be too bad. Do not try to lay the blame on others. Be reliable.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>A good opportunity will pass you by unless you act swiftly. Show your children a good example. Do not expect more than is covered by apices reduced to cut out the 'frills'. Do not take umbrage quite so easily. Be more broad-minded.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>Avoid eating out of boredom particularly not sweet things. Do all you can to avoid alienating a friend or colleague. Do not trust too much in luck although you will be more lucky than you think. Be forgiving.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You will have to make some changes but they should be considered and evaluated most carefully. You should try to rid yourself of some prejudices and should try not let them interfere with your objective judgment. Make more effort to stay tidy. Be more observant.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You will tend to live rather too much in the past and should try to snap out of it. Not everything will be to your liking, but you will just have to put up with it. Try not to eat a big meal late at night. Be tactful.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>Beware of telling others what they do not want to hear but do not be too obsequious. Make sure you do not tell lies not even 'white' ones. Leave yourself with enough room to stretch your legs. Be amenable.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>Now is a good time to take stock. You should certainly do so before you make any big changes. Watch out for what is behind you, particularly when driving. Be reasonable.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>Something that has been puzzling you will now become clearer. Do not lose sight of your objectives. And stick firmly to your principles. Be less sorry for yourself.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You should have a little more patience and use all the commonsense you can summon up. You should not expect to have things done for you. Do not allow your social life to predominate over your private life. Be courteous.</p>

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SPORTS

Daniel en route to Hall of Fame

BETHESDA, Maryland, Aug. 8 (AP) — Beth Daniel is halfway to the LPGA Hall of Fame after ending the longest victory drought of her career.

Daniel was the Tour's Rookie of the Year in 1979 and the Player of the Year in 1980. She won 14 events in her first six seasons, and then went four years without a victory.

She finally ended the losing streak yesterday, winning the Greater Washington Open by four strokes after paring all 18 holes in the final round of the 54-hole tournament.

Daniel needs 15 more titles, including two different major championships, to get into the LPGA Hall of Fame.

"It takes me four years to win every time, then I'll be 90 and I'll still be trying," she joked.

Actually, no one expects Daniel to have to wait another four years for her next victory.

"I had been in position to win golf tournaments, but things either didn't go my way or I didn't make them happen when I needed to," she said.

Sheri Turner, runner-up at the Greater Washington Open, said Daniel's victory there should give her "the confidence she needs to win. She just had to get this one out of the way."

Even though her dry spell, Daniel built a reputation as one of the tour's more consistent players. The triumph moved her career-best earnings this year to \$339,351. No. 3 on the money list.

Daniel has finished in the top 10 in 15 of the 20 events she has played in this year. She has placed second four times and in the top five on 11 occasions.

Cubs thrash Expos

Viola prospers after changing Leagues

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (AP) — Chicago took sole possession of first place in the National League East last night as Mark Grace and Ryne Sandberg each hit two-run homers, leading the Cubs over the slumping Montreal Expos 5-2 at Wrigley Field.

It was the fifth straight loss for the Expos, who dropped out of the top spot for the first time since June 25. Montreal had not lost five in a row since dropping five straight, May 15-20.

Greg Maddux, 13-8, gained his 12th victory in his last 15 starts, pitching a seven-hitter for his fifth complete game.

The victory also gave the Cubs a five-game lead over the fourth-place New York Mets, who lost to Philadelphia. Third-place St. Louis, trails by four.

"Feels good," manager Don Zimmer said. "But we've been here before this year."

Cardinals 4, Pirates 0.

Ted Power, released by Detroit in spring training, allowed four hits in eight-plus innings and singled home a run to lead St. Louis past Pittsburgh.

Vince Coleman and Ozzie Smith, each singled and stole second to ignite a two-run first inning against rookie Rick Red, 0-3, who allowed four runs and six hits in the first two innings.

Braves 1, Dodgers 0.

Tom Glavine pitched a four-hitter for his fourth victory against Los Angeles this season, including two shutouts, and Jeff Blauser homered, leading Atlanta past the Dodgers. It was the 13th time the Dodgers were shut out this season, compared to 10 last year.

Reds 10, Giants 2.

Ron Oester singled twice in an inning for the second time in five days when Cincinnati scored seven runs in the fifth inning against the San Francisco Giants, whose starting rotation was hit with another freak injury.

Right-hander Scott Garretts, the National League's career-run average leader at 2.42, was injured swinging a bat in batting practice and was scratched from his scheduled start against the Reds. Jeff Brantley, who was the 14th different Giants pitcher to start a game this season, replaced Garretts and lost for the first time in seven decisions.

Padres 5, Astros 2.

Chris James had three hits and drove in two runs and Bruce Hurst pitched a five-hitter for his seventh complete game as San Diego beat Houston, sending the Astros to their fifth loss in six games.

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Soccer friendly
Pepes (right) of AEK Athens tries to stop Hasan of Galatasaray (Turkey) during first half action of Monday evening's friendly soccer match at Athens' Olympic Stadium. AEK won 1-0. (Reuter wirephoto)

Camel meets Fikes in comeback bid

GREAT FALLS, Montana, Aug. 8 (AP) — Marvin Camel, a former two-time world cruiserweight boxing champion, is upbeat about his chances in a comeback bout here on Thursday.

Camel will step into the ring against Dennis Fikes of Las Vegas in an eight-round cruiserweight bout at the Four Seasons Arena.

"I think it's not going to go eight rounds and I'm not going to be the loser," Camel said in an interview published yesterday.

"I'm in shape," said the 38-year-old fighter who is literally running for his boxing life. He said he has not missed a day of running in 19 months.

"When I first started this one-year, seven-month deal I wanted to break my own record," Camel told the Great Falls Tribune.

"My own record was one year, three months and 26 days. I thought I would see how far I could go. If I quit now, I'll never do it again."

His fight is one of seven on a card that is highlighted by a world featherweight title match, along with the sixth professional bout for Great Falls boxer and former Olympian Todd Foster.

Camel sports a career record of 42-11-3 and has logged 17 knockouts. He became the World Boxing Council's first cruiserweight champ (195 pounds) in 1980, but lost the crown less than a year later to Carlos DeLeon.

Camel later won the International Boxing Federation cruiserweight title and lost it five years ago to Leroy Murphy.

He has spent the last five years in Los Angeles working and working out.

Chile unimpressive: Brazil

RIODEJANEIRO, Brazil, Aug. 8 (AP) — The sporting press said yesterday Brazil was the big winner in Chile's 3-1 victory over Venezuela in a World Cup eliminatory soccer game on Sunday in Caracas.

The Chilean team was unimpressive and failed to match Brazil's performance against a weak Venezuelan team, sportswriters said.

The three nations are competing in South America's Group 3 for a berth in the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

Brazil beat Venezuela 4-0 in its opening game July 30 and now leads Group 3 due to its higher goal average. Brazil and Chile will meet next Sunday in Santiago, Chile's capital.

"Chile doesn't scare anyone," read the headline yesterday in the newspaper Jornal dos Sports of Rio.

"Chile wins but doesn't hide errors," the O globo of Rio said in a headline on its sports page. Jornal do Brasil of Rio wrote, "Brazil benefits in Chile's victory in Caracas."

The press praised the excellent play of midfielder Aravena, who scored two goals, and of centreforward Yanez. But the defense was considered weak.

"Chile made an exhibition well below what it had shown in the America Cup, allowing mediocre Venezuela to show something approaching soccer, which until then had been unthinkable," wrote soccer commentator Washington Rodrigues in Jornal dos Sports.

Joao Saldanha, a former coach of the 1970 world champion Brazilian team and now a sports columnist, wrote yesterday in Jornal do Brasil that Chile's win was "a good result (that) will give us a slight advantage, because the Chileans will be obliged to try to attack."

Brazilians have burned at comments by Chilean coach Oscar Aravena, who led Chile to a historic 4-0 victory over Brazil in the 1987 America Cup tournament. Aravena has said he was not impressed by the three-time world champion and predicted Chile will eliminate Brazil from the World Cup.

Brazil, which won the world championship in 1958, 1962 and 1970, is the only country that has qualified for every World Cup.

Indradjit confident of retaining WBCI title

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Aug. 8 (AP) — Indonesia's Wongso Indradjit expressed confidence yesterday that he would retain his World Boxing Council International bantamweight crown against challenger Lorimer Pontino of the Philippines Saturday in Banjarmasin.

"I feel strongly that I will win the bout," the 29-year-old champion told reporters as he arrived in south Kalimantan's provincial capital, about 900 kilometres (563 miles) northeast of Jakarta.

He added, however, he would have to be careful of Pontino, who is "younger and a good left-handed fighter."

Setyadi Laksono, Indradjit's trainer and manager, said Indradjit is fully prepared, with more than 80 rounds of sparring in less than two months.

The bout, being staged in cooperation with the newspaper Banjarmasin post, will be held at Banjarmasin's May 17 stadium.

Indradjit, who won the crown last Nov 18 in Ujung Pandang, South Sulawesi, by outpointing another Filipino, Edel Geronimo, is guaranteed \$10,000 US, while his challenger is to receive \$3,000.

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US women win easily

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Aug. 8 (AP) — The United States' national women's basketball team rolled over the Dominican Republic 99-58 yesterday for its second straight victory in the America Cup tournament.

The top four finishers in the tournament will represent the Americas in the next year's world championship in Malaysia.

The United States dominated the game from the outset and piled up a 55-32 lead at the end of the first half.

In the second half, the US played tight defensively, smothering their opponents and frequently stealing the ball.

The only weakness in the US game was poor shooting, which prevented the final margin from being far wider.

Third overall went to another Swedish boat, Sexa Nova and skip Mats Johansson, who finished ahead of such renowned skippers as Bruce Owen of England and California Bengt Helsten, with three-time world soling champ Vince Brun as crew member.

Kostecki, 25, an Olympic silver medalist last year and a former world champion in the soling class, claimed he had only 20 days of hard training with his 6-metre yacht before these championships.

Whitlinger surprises McNeil

MANHATTAN BEACH, California, Aug. 8 (UPI) — Rookie pro Tami Whitlinger, ranked No. 239 in the world, upset slumping Lori McNeil last night in the first round of the \$300,000 Virginia Slims of Los Angeles tennis tournament.

Whitlinger, a native of Neenah, Wis. and a former star at Stanford University, surprised the 11th-seeded McNeil, 7-6 (9-7), 6-1.

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Couples and Azinger on Cup squad

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla., Aug. 8 (Reuter) — Paul Azinger and Fred Couples have clinched berths on the US Ryder Cup team to play Europe next month, half of the 12-man squad has now been determined.

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Muller stuns Rostagno in opener

Matuszewski eliminates Cannon

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 8 (UPI) — Gary Muller of South Africa continued the hottest week in his four-year pro tennis career by eliminating ninth-seeded Derrick Rostagno 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) in a first-round match yesterday at the US Men's Hard-court Tennis Championships.

Muller won his first tour title in two years when he and his countryman Neil Broad won the doubles championship at the Sovran Classic in Washington last week. On Sunday, Muller won a motorcycle at a golf tournament for hardcourts players.

"I wanted that bike so bad," Muller said. "As a kid, you always wanted a motorcycle but your mom wouldn't let you have one. I guess now I'm old enough to have one. It's awesome."

Conquering Rostagno was another achievement for Muller, who called Rostagno one of his most difficult tour rivals.

He's not a good guy for me to play because you don't know where he's hitting the ball," Muller said. "He's difficult for me. I lost the last three times I played him."

Muller won five of the last six points in the tiebreaker, serving an ace to take a 4-2 lead and another to conclude the match.

"I started serving better as the match went on," Muller said. "The ball felt lighter. It was going through the air better."

Rostagno, the highest seed in action on the opening day of play, argued a linesman's call



Rostagno: knocked out

while serving with the match tied 2-2 in the first set. Muller broke Rostagno's serve on his way to taking four of the last five games in the set.

"I felt in control," Rostagno said. "Then I had a few unlucky breaks with the linesman and my serve was broken by bad chance. He gained a little confidence and I got a little tired. I had to fight back the whole match. The first set (loss) was entirely the officiating."

Muller, 25, made his best showing this year at the Queen's tournament in London, reaching the quarterfinals of the Wimbledon tournament. His first quarter-final berth in a tour event was in Indianapolis in 1987 when he eliminated defending champion Andres Gomez from the US Clay Court Championships.

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In the top match involving unseeded players, Italy's Diego Nargiso defeated Tommy Ho 2-6, 6-2, 7-5. Nargiso rallied in the second set and led 5-3 in the deciding set before Ho responded. After winning on his serve, Ho broke Nargiso's and held his serve on eight consecutive points to tie the final set at 5-5. Nargiso held serve and broke 0 to win the match.

"After the second set, I was feeling confident that I could win," Nargiso said. "A 5-3 in the last set I was very confident. I went out and just thought about getting the serve in. He returned very well. I was scared but I kept playing. That was a really strange game. I missed four balls in a row. That brought me back."

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SPORTS

Small out of England side for fifth Test

LONDON, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Pace bowler Gladstone Small today pulled out of the England squad for the fifth cricket Test against Australia starting at Trent Bridge on Thursday.

The 27-year-old seamer's withdrawal with a side muscle injury dealt a further blow to England's chances of redeeming

their reputation in the disastrous Ashes series, in which Australia hold an unbeatable 3-0 lead.

"I first had the trouble four weeks ago, but thought it was all right until I felt it again when bowling last night. It's very disappointing. It's been the story of my Test career," he said.

Small, who has appeared in five Tests in an injury-plagued career, was recalled after several pace bowlers ruled themselves out by announcing they would join a rebel tour of South Africa next year.

Small will be replaced by Northamptonshire fast bowler Greg Thomas, who has played in five Tests, four on England's tour

to the West Indies in 1985-86 and one at home against New Zealand at Trent Bridge in 1986.

Genuinely fast, Thomas has suffered from problems of consistency and control, although he has benefited greatly from coaching by Dennis Lillee at Northampton, passing 50 first-class wickets this season.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Nehru Cup

NEW DELHI, Aug. 8. (Reuters): World champions Australia and the formidable West Indies have rejected invitations to India's Nehru Cup one-day cricket tournament, organized by the Indian Cricket Council. The tournament, which marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, also fears that Sri Lanka might withdraw at the last minute.

Yugoslav player

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8. (Reuters): The Los Angeles Lakers announced today they have signed Vlade Divac, a 7-foot (2.13 metre) centre with the Yugoslav national basketball team, to a multi-year contract. Divac, 21, was the top choice of the Lakers in the National Basketball Association draft. The terms of the contract were not announced.

Olympic golf

LONDON, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Golf, last staged as part of the Olympic in 1904, could make a comeback at Barcelona. The newly-formed World Golf Association (WGA) has applied for exhibition sport status at the 1992 Games.

Top award

ROTTERDAM, Aug. 8. (UPI): Gerard Vaneberg, recently signed for life by Dutch Soccer League champion PSV Eindhoven, was to receive the Player of the Year award this evening at a gala marking the 100th anniversary of the Dutch Soccer Federation. Vaneberg, one of the most coveted players in the Dutch League, earlier turned down an offer from Italy's AS Roma to stay with PSV.

Dutch soccer

ROTTERDAM, Aug. 8. (UPI): Three soccer fan and civil rights organizations have gone to court today to prevent the institution of a new security pass that spectators will need to get into Dutch League games. The security pass, produced by the Dutch Soccer Federation with government approval, is designed to identify rowdy soccer fans and prevent their entry into the team's away games.

Lieke's 'keeper

BRUSSELS, Aug. 8. (UPI): Standard Liege's goalkeeper Gilbert Bodart, one of the most sought after soccer players in the Belgian League, is up for a transfer, a Belgian newspaper said today. Bodart was quoted in Het Laatste Nieuws as saying that the club was asking \$750,000 for him and that he would leave when his contract runs out at the end of the year.

E. German team

BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 8. (UPI): Kristin Otto, winner of six gold medals at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, is among eight Olympic medalists included in the 36-strong East German team for the European Swimming Championships in Bonn, Aug. 12-20.

Britons pullout

LONDON, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Pace bowler Philip Tait today said he has withdrawn from the rebel England cricket tour of South Africa next year.

Sixteen English players have signed for two tours of the white-ruled republic. They face a five-year ban from Test cricket.

GCC club soccer

MANAMA, Aug. 8. (AP): Al Wasl of the United Arab Emirates defeated the Saudi champions Al Hilal 1-0 today in the Coca Cola seventh Gulf Co-operation Council club soccer championship at the national stadium here.

After the goalless first half, devoid of action, Al Wasl scored the winner after 48 minutes. Hassan Mohamed converted a back pass, from Zuhair Bakht, into the only goal of the match.

W. German striker

SUNDERLAND, England, Aug. 8. (UPI): West German striker Thomas Hauser will miss the start of Sunderland's English Second Division soccer campaign after aggravating a hamstring injury at the club's open day. Hauser was hurt during a five-a-side game Sunday and is ruled out of today's friendly match against Soviet League and Cup winners Dnepr.

Chiba triumphs

TOKYO, Aug. 8. (UPI): Suzu Chiba, 13-year-old junior high school student, won the women's 200-metre freestyle in 2:04.44 in the All-Japan Swimming Championships closed in Tokyo Sunday. Her time was the best of this year in Japan.

Tyrell team

LONDON, Aug. 8. (UPI): Johnny Herbert, ousted from his drive by Benetton team because of lingering injuries from injuries suffered in a crash last October, is to join the Tyrrell team at the Belgian Formula One Grand Prix Aug. 27.

Curtis hammers 156

Terry and Nicholas hit tons

LONDON, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Tim Curtis, retained in the England Test team despite the advice of many critics, justified the selectors' faith with a career-best 156 for Worcestershire in their crucial championship match against title-rivals Essex yesterday.

Curtis would have probably been dropped for Thursday's fifth Test against Australia had not Essex captain Graham Gooch requested a break from the international arena. His marathon 7-1/2 hour innings, which included 20 bound-

daries, coupled with a sparkling 72 from Graeme Hick put Worcester in a dominant position by the close of the second day of the three-day match.

Replying to the Essex first innings 208, the pair helped championship leaders Worcestershire to 447 for nine before they declared.

Essex started their second innings disastrously, losing Gooch for 17 to the off-spin of Hick and were 21 for two by the close, still 218 runs behind.

Third-placed Hampshire also improved their championship

hopes as Paul Terry plundered 180 and captain Mark Nicholas hit 121 against a weak Derbyshire bowling attack.

They put on 148 together in 38 overs before Terry was caught at midwicket after blasting 30 boundaries in a 376-minute stay.

Hampshire declared at 472 for six in reply to Derbyshire's first innings 178 and the home side had reached 72 for one by the close with Kim Barnett unbeaten on 44.

Scores

At Weston-Super-Mare: Somerset 212 in 84.5 overs and 212 for five (C.

Tavare 81, J. Cook 50), Middlesex 116 in 46.2 overs (M. Roseberry 41, A. Jones four for 30).

At Sheffield: Northamptonshire 379 in 109.3 overs, Yorkshire 259 for three (R. Blakey 87 retired hurt, K. Sharp 72 not out, A. Metcalfe 56).

At Colchester: Essex 208 in 67.4 overs and 21 for two, Worcestershire 447 for nine declared in 147 overs (T. Curtis 156, G. Hick 72, D. D'Oliveira 55).

At the Oval: Surrey 357 in 105.3 overs and 115 for two (A. Stewart 54 not out), Glamorgan 227 in 84.4 overs (A. Butcher 61, S. James 53, K. Medley 40).

At Canterbury: Kent 287 in 118.5 overs and 17 for no wicket, Warwickshire 250 for eight declared in 90.2 overs (A. Lloyd 48).

At Eastbourne: Sussex 325 for six declared in 102 overs and 136 for four (C. Wells 62 not out), Nottinghamshire 233 for seven declared in 74 overs (P. Pollard 82, F. Stephenson 64 not out, P. Johnson 47).

Result

At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire beat Lancashire by an innings and 73 runs. Lancashire 93 in 24.5 overs and 278 (D. Graveney four for 51, C. Walsh four for 64), Gloucestershire 394 in 112.4 overs. Gloucestershire 24 points, Lancashire two.



Tim Curtis



Paul Terry



Mark Nicholas

English rebels urged to reconsider

'Don't tour S. Africa'

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Anti-apartheid campaigners yesterday urged rebel England cricketers to reconsider a proposed tour of South Africa and asked for a meeting to explain their opposition.

Sam Ramsamy, chairman of the South African Non-racial Olympic Committee (SANROC), told the 16 tourists South African anti-apartheid sports groups were sending a delegation to Britain in the hope of arranging talks with them.

"We ask you to hear our side of the argument," the London-based Ramsamy said in a letter to the players. He said the delegation planned to arrive in Britain "later this week."

"A foreign tour at this time will send the wrong message to the South African government, to South Africans who still support segregation in sport and to the international community," the letter said.

"As sports administrators and as South African citizens we are wrestling to end the whole system of discrimination and prejudice which blights our society," it said.

Ramsamy said he was writing on behalf of Krish Naidoo, general secretary of the National Sports Congress, a coalition of sporting groups that has vowed to stop the tour before its January start by persuading the cricketers not to come.

Opposition to the tour, announced last week, has risen among South African non-whites.

White sports fans are delighted at the visit, which helps to break the international isolation imposed on South Africa because of its apartheid race policies.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other anti-apartheid church leaders on Friday denounced the tour, calling the visit an obscenity and the players mercenaries.

In London, Brian Moore, the England and British Lions hooker, has joined those who have rejected a place on the rest of the world rugby union squad to tour South Africa later this month.

Moore, hooker in all three of the Lions' recent Test matches in Australia, said: "The invitation was received only last week and that was far too late to give it consideration."

"Even if I had wanted to go, the notice was too short. I have been away from my job for eight weeks with the Lions and there is no possibility of three more weeks away," added Moore, who is a solicitor.

He said he believed most of the English Lions had been asked "But I don't think any will be going."

England's ten Lions were told by the rugby union that a rest, after Australia, of up to two months would be in their own interests and they would be discouraged from going to South Africa.

England's stand-off Rob Andrew and Lock Wade Dooley have declined to tour while earlier yesterday Lions' scrum half Robert Jones and centre John Devereux of Wales also said they had refused invitations.

The five-match celebration of South Africa's rugby union centenary is due to start a week from Saturday, but doubts are now being cast in the South African media about the viability of the tour.

And in Sydney, at least two Australian players have declined invitations to join the world XV.

Wallabies captain Nick Farr-Jones and flyhalf Michael Lynagh told the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) they could not accept Pretoria's invitation because of business and family commitments, the officials said.

Four other Australian players — Simon Poidevin, David Campese, Steve Cutler and Steve Tuynman — were also expected to decline, the officials said.

The ARU, which passed on the invitations to the players despite government protests, refused to comment.

Prime Minister Bob Hawke, an outspoken critic of Pretoria's apartheid policy, made an emotional appeal to the players yesterday.

Gugelmin seeks escape from Senna's shadow

AFTER spending most of his motor racing career in the shadow of fellow-Brazilians Nelson Piquet and Ayrton Senna, Mauricio Gugelmin has this season been bidding to grab his own share of the Formula One limelight.

But Gugelmin, who survived a spectacular crash at the French Grand Prix last month, is still willing to pay homage to his mentors.

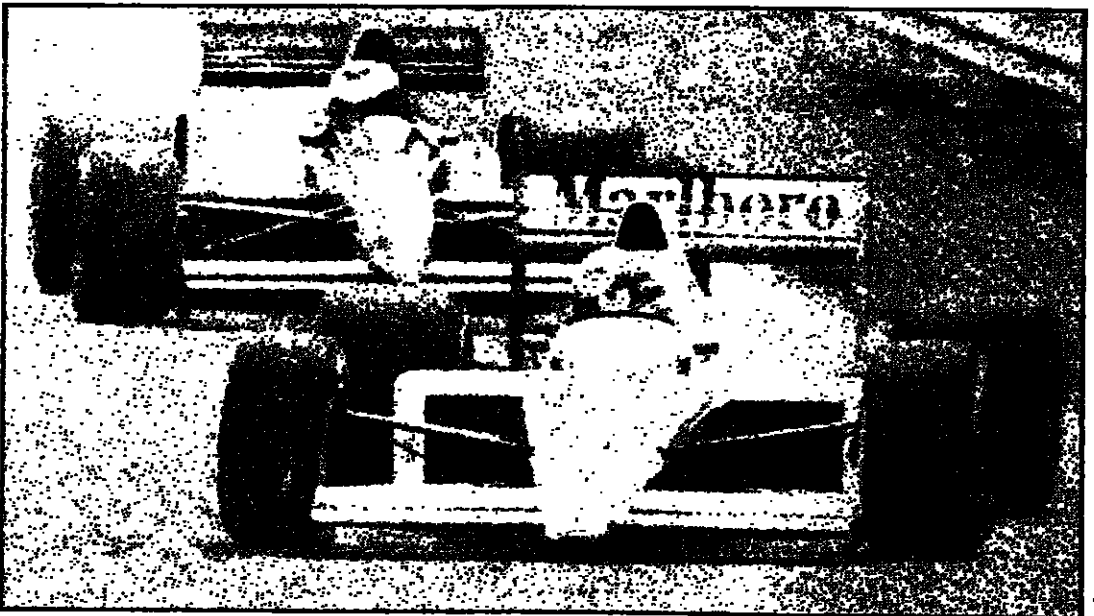
As he relaxed at the March motor-home in the paddock at the West German Grand Prix, last week the 26-year-old Brazilian admitted he still held Senna, with whom he once shared a house, in awe.

"He is in a different class and in a class of his own," he said. "We are good friends and I know him well but we don't spend any time together now. He lives in Monte Carlo and he goes to Brazil nearly 365 days a year. I cannot do that..."

Gugelmin, in his second season in Formula One, shared his British home with Senna for several years in the early 1980s as they both struggled to make their Formula One breakthroughs.

"I was married at the time but it was nice for us all to be together. We missed our families and so it was like being a small family of our own in England," Gugelmin said.

Gugelmin came to Europe in 1982 and progressed through the British Formula Ford series in Senna's footsteps, moving up



Senna on his way to victory in the West German Grand Prix.

from British Formula Three to Formula 3000 in 1986. Senna, whose singular dedication to Grand Prix racing has persuaded his French team-mate Alain Prost to leave McLaren at the end of the season, has shot to stardom — he won the world

championship last year — while Gugelmin is still searching for his first win.

"He is more dedicated than anyone I've ever seen before," said Gugelmin. "I don't know if that's good or bad though."

"Let me give you an example.

If he felt that the guy who was cleaning the floor in his garage was not doing his job properly, he would complain about it."

"Of course, 99 per cent of the time he would be right but I don't know how that sort of thing goes down with the top teams."

"He is a very strong character and he knows exactly what he wants. He is prepared to work hard for it and do whatever it costs."

"If that means he will not be popular with someone it does not matter to him, which is fair enough, as it is his job."

"If the people alongside him cannot cope with that, basically, it is their problem I think."

"He is a very fair and a very straight person. It is all black and white with him...all the time."

"I feel more mature and experienced this year but I've only had one result — third in Brazil. To be honest, I was hoping for much better results but we have had problems with the car and the team."

If Gugelmin has learned anything from Senna it is coolness under pressure.

When he crashed in France, he said: "I knew it was going to be a big one...when the cars are close



Indian cricketers

Indian cricket team skipper Dilip Vengsarkar (left), all-rounder Kapil Dev (centre) and wicket-keeper Kiran More look over the draft of the letter they gave to the Board for Control of Cricket in India, appealing for pardon after the board banned them for one year for their unauthorised tour of the United States. Also banned were Arun Lal, Ravi Shastri and Mohammed Azharuddin. The letter was given to the board yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Decker scores three

Australia take Egypt to task

IPOH, Malaysia, Aug. 8. (AP): Australia showed it was a serious contender for the junior World Cup field hockey title when it trounced a weak Egypt 7-0 in the opening match today.

Despite playing at half pace, the Australians gave a polished display of teamwork and took a 3-0 lead at halftime over their inexperienced opponents in the 12-nation tournament.

In Group A with Australia and Egypt are West Germany, the Netherlands, Argentina and Malaysia. Group B teams are Pakistan, South Korea, Spain, the United States, the Soviet Union and England. The winners and runner-up of each group advance to the semifinals.

Australia, the 1983 World Cup semifinalists, could have scored more if its forwards had been sharper in their finishing.

Striker Stephen Davis, who had three goals, opened the scoring in the second minute when he flicked the ball home after a pass from Lee Bodimeade.

Bodimeade, who troubled Egypt with his runs on the right flank, passed again to Davis for another goal in the 17th minute before putting his own name on the score sheet a minute before halftime.

Second-half goals included two direct penalty corner hits by skipper Todd Williams, in the 40th and 63rd minutes. Davis scored again in the 54th minute and Grey Corbett scored in the 57th.

In another Group A match, Argentina defeated Malaysia 3-2. The halftime score was 2-2.

Carlos Retegui scored the winning goal in the 45th minute. Argentina had led 2-0 on goals by Fernando Ferrara in the eighth minute and by Mariano Fernandez three minutes later.

But Malaysia bounced back with Charles Atkin's goal in the 15th minute on a penalty flick and Nor Azmi's goal in the 24th minute.

And in the third match, West Germany crushed Holland 5-1 after taking a 3-0 lead at half-time.

The hero of the match was Andreas Decker, who scored three goals for West Germany. Decker scored the first goal in the 7th minute of the first half and made it 2-0 for West Germany 10 minutes later. Thomas Brinkmann added another goal a minute later.

West Germany were on top in the second half also with Decker scoring in the 58th minute and Christian Blumck two minutes later. Wouter van Pelt got the consolation goal for Holland in the 68th minute.

In the last match of the day, Pakistan overcame England with goals on either side of the interval.

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Referee quits after stabbing

MBABANE, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Swaziland's top referee said today he was quitting soccer after being stabbed six times during a riot after a game last Sunday.

"I am getting out of the sport while I am still alive," said Sport Dlamini, who is on the International Football Federation register of referees.

Dlamini was attacked by enraged fans after he awarded a free kick in the closing minutes of a game between traditional rivals Mbabane Highlanders and Denver Sundowns.

Highlanders scored from the free kick to equalise 1-1.

"I would do exactly the same as I did on Sunday in the same circumstances, because I am clear about the rules," said Dlamini, who was wounded mostly in the back but is now recovering.

Fans invaded the pitch attacking officials, players and police in Swaziland's worst-ever soccer violence. One fan is in critical condition in hospital with stab wounds and a policeman was cut under his eye by a broken bottle.

Herbert to see action at Belgian GP

LONDON, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Briton Johnny Herbert, rested by Benetton this season after competing in six rounds of the world championship, will return to Formula One in a Tyrrell at the Belgian Grand Prix on August 27.

Herbert, struggling to recover from severe leg injuries suffered in a crash last year, has been signed to deputise for Tyrrell's French driver Jean Alesi, who is concentrating on winning the Formula 3000 international championship.

Team owner Ken Tyrrell said Herbert would replace Alesi whenever Formula 3000 races clashed with Formula One events, including this month's Belgian race and the Portuguese and Japanese rounds on September 24 and October 22 respectively.

Herbert, who finished a splendid fourth on his Grand Prix debut in Brazil in March, stood down before last month's French round of the championship to continue a programme of exercises to strengthen his leg muscles.

Coe and Overt to clash on British track

BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Seb Coe and Steve Overt, middle distance rivals for a decade, are set to meet for the first time on a British track.

Coe confirmed today that he will join Overt in the 1,500 metres at the English Athletics Championships and Commonwealth Games trials this weekend.

The pair have raced each other only in Olympic and European Championship finals — the last time was at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics when Coe retained his 1,500 title and Overt was carried off suffering from exhaustion.

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